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## EDITORIAL

### ONLY ONE WAY TO REMOVE STIGMA

Elsewhere in this issue J. R. Renton, a commercial man who is widely known throughout the Dominion, and particularly in the West, characterizes the action of the head office of the North West Commercial Travellers' Association in disseminating through the mails the anti-Wheat Pool propaganda of the grain trade, as bearing "more than a semblance" to "prostituting the association." In the Wheat Pool pages and elsewhere, appear letters from other commercial men, unequivocally repudiating the action of officials of the Association who have definitely aligned themselves with the enemies of the Canadian Wheat Pools in opposition to the greatest institution hitherto established for the benefit of the primary producers in the long history of agriculture.

We are convinced that hundreds of commercial travellers, particularly in Western Canada, share the views of Mr. Renton and the others who write on this subject in our current issue. The propaganda, however, has now been broadcast to all parts of the Dominion. The only thoroughly effective means of counteracting what has been done, and removing the stigma which has been attached to the North West Commercial Travellers' Association in the minds of all citizens of Western Canada who are loyal to the West, and of all Canadians who believe in fairplay, will be to circu-

late through the mails to all travellers who received the original enclosure, a complete repudiation of the action of the officials, and an answer to the misleading statements of the grain trade. We believe that many members of the Association will wish to see such action taken, and trust that they will be powerful enough to insist upon an adequate repudiation being sent out from the head office of the Association at an early date.

In the Wheat Pool pages, D. L. Smith very completely exposes the misleading character of the propaganda against the Wheat Pools which has been issued by the North West Grain Dealers' Association. We trust that all our members will turn to these pages and familiarize themselves with the facts there presented.

### AN ATTACK ON THE U. F. A.

A very high tribute to the work of the U. F. A. in "putting the Wheat Pool over", and to the high efficiency of the Wheat Pool organization, is paid by a commercial man who contributes an article to this issue under the title, "You See More of the Game From the Bleachers Than From the Diamond". We can state definitely that there are few men in the commercial world of Western Canada who have had a longer contact with the problems of the farmers than the writer of this article. Commercial men generally regard the successful launching of the Wheat Pool by the U. F. A. as the greatest achievement of this organization and, as Mr. Renton's letter shows, the attack on the Pool by the grain trade is regarded as "obviously an attack" on the Association. Every attack on any portion of the farmers' Pool movement in Alberta is an attack on the U. F. A.

### REGULATIONS MUST BE CHANGED

The experience of the United Livestock Growers upon the Calgary Livestock Exchange clearly demonstrates the unsuitability of the present exchange regulations from the standpoint of co-operative marketing institutions which are organized on the contract basis. The regulations should be changed to meet the needs of the Pool system.

We have in our possession a complete file of the correspondence concerning the controversy between the Pool and the exchange. This very clearly reveals the recognition by the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, of the desirability for changes in the laws and regulations to meet the situation created by the introduction of a new system of marketing. J. H. Grisdale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, definitely indicates that the representatives of the United Livestock Growers "were not guilty of any dishonest motive" and the Department sought only a recognition of violation of the Exchange regulations "in a technicality." It is imperative that the Department, without delay, should take steps to bring into effect, in accordance with the Deputy Minister's letter quoted above, "such changes in the laws and regulations governing livestock marketing as will provide for co-operative and Pool marketing on any and all Livestock Exchanges in the Dominion."

Our congratulations to Herman Trelle of Wembley, who distinguished himself at the Chicago International by winning first and the championships in both wheat and oats. Mr. Trelle is a member of the U. F. A. and also of the Alberta Wheat Pool. This is naturally to be expected. Alberta farmers who lead in the field of production recognize that scientific production is not enough. Co-operation with their fellow farmers in the exercise of their citizenship through the parent organization, and in the scientific marketing of their product through the U. F. A.'s giant offspring, the Wheat Pool, are recognized, by the farmers who lead in production, as equally necessary to the raising of the status of the primary industry.



# Opposition to Any Form of Export Duty on Canadian Wheat Expressed in Resolutions to Come Before U.F.A. Annual Convention

**Craigmyle District Association Urges Provincial Government to Take Steps to Provide Course on Principles of Co-operation in Public Schools—Important Resolutions From the Calgary Conferences to Come Before Annual Convention—Between Forty and Fifty Resolutions Received to Date**

Between forty and fifty resolutions for the forthcoming Annual Convention of the U. F. A. have been received to date at the Central Office. These include resolutions from Federal and Provincial Constituency and District Associations, and from the Calgary conferences between the U. F. A. Central Executive and representatives of the Federal Constituency Associations. Additional resolutions are now being received daily at the Central Office.

## SANCTION OF COMMONS FOR DISSOLUTION

That the Prime Minister shall be under obligation to obtain the sanction of a majority of the House of Commons before advising the Governor-General to dissolve Parliament is proposed in one of the most important resolutions of the Calgary Conference of June last. The resolution was in the following terms:

Whereas, the power of a Prime Minister to advise a dissolution or threaten it at will, places him in a position of almost autocratic authority, and imposes serious restrictions upon the freedom of the members of the House of Commons, and,

Whereas, the power to advise a dissolution, when lightly exercised, threatens the stability of Parliamentary institutions and may plunge the country into unnecessary elections, and,

Whereas, the Governor-General may be placed in an invidious position as a result of improper advice as to dissolution tendered him by the Prime Minister of the day; and,

Whereas, it is undesirable that the representative of the Crown should at any time be in danger of appearing to become involved in a party controversy, as the result of such improper advice;

Therefore be it resolved, that subject to the statutory limitation of five years upon the life of Parliament, the Prime Minister shall be under obligation to obtain the sanction of a majority of the House of Commons before advising His Excellency the Governor-General to dissolve Parliament.

## U. F. A. GROUP UNITY AT OTTAWA

The Calgary Conference resolution directing that the U. F. A. members at Ottawa maintain their identity as a group unit, in accordance with the Declaration of Principles, will come before the Convention. This resolution was unanimously re-affirmed at the Calgary Conference in November. Another Conference resolution to come before the Convention defines the responsibility of the U. F. A. group to the organization as a whole.

## COURSE IN CO-OPERATION IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Co-operation in its various forms, and particularly the development of co-operative marketing, will occupy a prominent place in the discussions of the Convention. Craigmyle District Association has submitted a resolution calling for a course of studies in the principles of co-operation to be given in the public schools. The Craigmyle resolution is as follows:

Whereas, co-operation is becoming more and more an important factor in our industrial system, and,

Whereas, there have been many failures in our co-operative effort due to lack of understanding of co-operative principles;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Provincial Government to appoint a committee representative of the various groups involved to draw up a course of studies on the principles of co-operation for use in our public schools.

## OPPOSED TO EXPORT DUTY ON WHEAT

The Convention will have an opportunity to express its opinion on the demands of the Canadian millers for some form of export duty on Canadian wheat. The subject is raised in a resolution from the Didsbury U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association, as follows:

Whereas, it is evident that efforts are being made to place an export duty on wheat, and,

Whereas, we believe it will work a hardship on our wheat producers;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask our Provincial Government to resist this movement at any time, in any way.

## ELECTION OF MEMBERS BY LOCALS

Coronation U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association proposes an amendment to Clause 2 of Section 10 of the Constitution, to provide that two-thirds of the members of a Local present at a regular meeting shall be necessary to acceptance of any application for membership, instead of a majority as at present.

Among other resolutions for the U. F. A. Convention received to date are the following:

## REGULATING AUTOMOBILE TRAFFIC

Whereas, with the increase in the number of motor cars operated in the Province of Alberta, there is also a tremendous increase in the number of accidents occurring daily, very largely due to reckless driving and strong drink, and,

Whereas, this condition must tend to become worse in the future;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask the Provincial Government to enact

legislation which will make travel on our roads, especially on our main highways, safer than at present. To this end we would suggest that more strict regulations be enacted in regard to dimming lights at night, when meeting or passing;

More strict regulations in regard to the right of the road;

That the speed limit be reduced to a factor of safety, consistent with the density of the traffic;

That any person found guilty of driving a car when under the influence of liquor be punished by imprisonment.—Craigmyle D. A.

## NOXIOUS WEED ACT

Whereas, in a great many cases noxious weed seeds are spread over the country, especially into newly settled districts, through farmers advertising and selling grain and grass seed which are polluted with noxious weed seeds, and,

Whereas, the Noxious Weeds Act as at present constituted does not provide for the prevention of this;

Be it resolved, that the Noxious Weeds Act be so amended as to make it compulsory for all people who advertise grain or grass seed for sale to have the same inspected by a Government inspector who shall have the power to disallow it to be sold for seed purposes if it be found to contain noxious weed seeds.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

## AMENDMENT MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL ACT

Whereas, many municipal districts are divided between two hospital districts, making it impossible to secure adequate discussion of the affairs of both hospitals at the annual municipal gathering;

Therefore be it resolved, that we strongly urge our Legislature to amend the Municipal Hospital Act so as to provide for an annual meeting at the seat of the hospital with a view to securing full discussion of hospital affairs.—Alexandra Provincial C. A.

## TAXATION OF MOTOR TRUCKS

Whereas, at the present time motor trucks are entering into active opposition with railways, in the hauling of freight in a commercial way, and,

Whereas, they make no contribution to the upkeep of the roadbed upon which they travel, and,

Whereas, during wet periods they destroy the roadbed in such a way as to entail great labor and cost in its upkeep;

Therefore be it resolved, that motor trucks using roads paralleling railways in a commercial way pay an increased or special tax.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

## PREAMBLE TO THE U. F. A. CONSTITUTION

The agricultural producers and their  
(Continued on page 28)



# GET YOUR GAS MASKS READY, BOYS!

By JOHN A. LUND, Barons

To any one, who has observed the functions of our economic system and has some knowledge of its foundations, the organization of the United Farmers of Alberta must appear as a formidable challenger of things as they are at the present time.

There have been hundreds of organizations to correct, to improve, condemn and destroy part, or all of the old system, each in their own most exclusive way, but very few, if any of them had anything of a practical nature to replace that which was removed. Most of the ideas were to get rid of the old and then build something new and better in its place.

## ALBERTA FARMERS BROKE NEW GROUND

The United Farmers of Alberta, feeling the effects of the anomalies of the old system and suffering from its crushing injustice as keenly, if not more so, than the average people, did not organize to correct or destroy it. They quietly went about their business, broke new ground and laid a new foundation for a new system, using the tools and materials of the old wherever available and usable; they are keeping on unostentatiously, to erect a new building alongside of the old. They simply let the old alone, to crumble and decay until it no longer can hold up its own weight, and falls in ruins.

Furthermore, they are building so strongly and with such solidarity, that all the storms and cyclones which send the bricks of the old flying in all directions, only settle the U. F. A. structure more solidly and securely.

## NEW OFFENSIVE PLANNED AGAINST WHEAT POOL

But the old system, an enemy to all progress in favor of human justice, is not much longer going to stand idly by, and see this new structure rise above their old tottering strongholds. The Wheat Pool (built under the very fortresses of the old system) which was confidently expected to fall in ruins at the first blank shot from the old forts, not only has withstood any and all barrages, but has actually commenced to disarm the old batteries, some of which are already out of action. This is causing grave concern, and not trusting fully that the big guns, which up to this time always have settled every controversy in favor of the old, this time a new offensive is contemplated, in which poison gas is to be the deciding factor.

## SEEK TO USE

### INTERNAL DISRUPTION

It is the corrosive gas of internal disruption and individual jealousy and discontent which is to be administered, in the most scientific manner of which the old system has any knowledge, into the ranks of the U. F. A. organization; introduced there by will-o'-the-wisp gossips, and fly-by-night advisers, posing as friends of the people, claiming to be expert architects of co-operation, while not being able to show a single permanent structure to their credit. Judging by the number of dead and dying co-operative organizations, strewn all over the United States, this poisonous, whispering-in-the-night campaign, is the most insidious,

most dangerously deadly attack that can be launched against the U. F. A. organization especially the Wheat Pool, which evidently is to be the first subject of the attack. If we can withstand it successfully, we are as safe as the Rock of Gibraltar is supposed to be. We have nothing to fear from open attacks—no matter how vicious—but this invisible poison, let loose in the dark, by no one knows who, is what will try to the utmost, the character and strength of the Canadian farmers' organizations.

## OUR INQUISITIVE HABIT IN THE U. F. A.

The only known safeguard against it, is the inquisitive habit we have acquired in the U. F. A. organization, of picking to pieces any dope handed us, to find out what is on the inside, and what it is made of, before we swallow it. If we stick close to this habit, we are comparatively safe. No poison can affect us, if we do not swallow it or inhale it.

The first doses, which in fact already have been administered, are appeals to individual cupidity and sectional jealousy, regarding the higher paid positions, in the conducting of the business of the Pool.

These positions referred to as "plums" by the agents of disruption and jealousy, are held up as bait in different sections of the country, with appeals to sectional and personal ambition and cupidity, for the purpose of blotting out of the minds of the people the real mission of the Pool, and instead cause different people and different sections to scramble for these "plums", which to them soon will be the all absorbing objects to obtain. It is easy to visualize the outcome. Geographical sections will line up against each other; individuals in each section will distrust and accuse each other of everything they can think of, and the first we know, disruption is on the rampage, and the "plums", recently so alluring, have vanished in thin air or in the pockets of the poison squad or its employers.

It is incomprehensible to me that rational people should fall for such simple and transparent tactics, especially when we have seen this game worked hundreds of times, always with the same results.

It is up to the Canadian farmers to show that they, at least, have cut their eyeteeth, and that this hoary, grey whiskered century-old shell game does not work on them.

## BARRAGE OF ADVICE FROM GRAIN TRADE

While this is tried out on the inside, the barrage of advice appeals and more or less distorted statements will be hurled at the organization, through the press, by pamphlets, booklets and individual touches at elevator points and through any more or less open available avenue.

Direct appeals to the country at large will be made by the grain trade and its manipulators, who have no other source of revenue, but what they can rake off the farmers' grain. It may not be expressed in these exact words, though.

One of these appeals has already been made by the Chicago and Minneapolis grain companies, "who own most of the

four thousand privately operated country elevators of the five thousand, utilized on the prairies", and who admit that if the "out of bounds" ginger group succeeded in putting on the statute books "the confiscatory act, relating to the country elevator system of Western Canada" (the Campbell amendment), they would practically be eliminated as going concerns in receiving grain from farmers, and indirectly their hundred million investment would be destroyed.

## TEARFUL APPEAL BY ELEVATOR OWNERS

This tearful appeal was made in an article by G. C. Porter, dated Winnipeg, July 8, 1926, and published in the Chicago Journal of Commerce, headed: "Population of Canada repeats history of the American West." Never, never, no, eternally never, have we any truck and trade with the Yankees. Still, if we really knew the actual principals of the Chicago and Minneapolis grain companies, we might have trouble to find a genuine Yank among them.

This appeal discloses the fact, that if the Campbell amendment becomes law, the Canadian farmers will retain the profit of a hundred million dollar investment, which they now lose to U. S. grain manipulators. And this profit has not necessarily been confined to the legal rate of interest either.

When we consider the universally disastrous attempts of the U. S. grain farmers to effect a practical selling organization, we have reason to ask if the Chicago and Minneapolis grain companies did not have a hand in organizing them; (a lot of them can speak most eloquently with their hands), and we have also very good reason not to accept the advice of the emissaries of those who admit that they are defeated if we succeed.

Let us use our U. F. A. prerogative and catch and search all tearful, smiling or scowling saviors of the farmers (they seem to have whole nests of them in U. S.), who come here to tell us how to run our own business, and who should do the running, and we will soon find the cloven hoof.

## STAND BY OUR MEN WHO ARE BLAZING TRAIL

Stand by the U. F. A. organization—the only one of its kind in the world. Stand by the Pool—which never was intended for a private plumsgarden. Stand by our boys in Ottawa and Edmonton—who are guarding our homes and stand by the officers and executive of all U. F. A. associations, who are putting our decisions into practical operation. Do not make their work hard. Let us remember, that they are blazing a way out of the wilderness for all of us, and need the support of all the strength and power a united people can command, to overcome obstacles which have baffled all humanity up to the present time.

If we let the poison of disruption and jealousy enter our ranks we will destroy all we have built, and we will once again be helpless victims of a system that never has shown, and never will or can show a trace of human consideration. Let us be on our guard against disruption through personal ambition, spite or greed.



# YOU SEE MORE OF THE GAME FROM THE BLEACHERS THAN FROM THE DIAMOND

Achievement of the U. F. A. in Putting Over the Wheat Pool, and What the Success of the Pool Means to the Business of Western Canada

Contributed by a Business Man

The above title is very suggestive, and the following may be taken as a fair criticism of the Wheat Pool from the angle of the general public.

Many of us were like THOMAS—some-what doubting as to the efficiency of such an organization—as to whether it was possible to so organize the farmers that they would see its value from their standpoint. The writer has followed with no little interest the growth of the Wheat Pool, and it redounds greatly to the credit of the officers that they have been able to convince its clientele that the possibility has become a reality—that it is not only for the good of the farmer, but it is also pro bono publico.

Why; it is only a purely selfish business man who could say or think otherwise. My years in Western Canada—19 in all—have given me excellent opportunity to view—and that with no little satisfaction—the gradual independence of the farmer. Away back in 1908 my lot brought me in close touch with him, and many a meal and many a bed have I had on the homestead, and these were the lean years. For a long time I could not but have the greatest sympathy for the hard lines in which his lot was cast. The miles of haulage—the poor prices; necessities were not abnormally high in those years, but at that his wheat money was soon eaten up—the consequence being his very life was full of discouragement. Happily, these days have gone forever.

## PROVED VERITABLE GODSEND TO FARMERS

One thing does puzzle me. It is why 100 per cent. of the farmers do not loyally belong to the Wheat Pool—indeed, any other Pool, that is of interest to any commodity they produce. The first year was, without a doubt, a trying one. Many people were sceptical, and rather held off. There is no doubt about it now. H. W. Wood and the U. F. A. have proved to the world that not only is such a project possible, but that the organization has proved a veritable Godsend to the farming community.

Years ago, when in Scotland, I remember a school reader—if I recall—it was used in the Merit Certificate class. The first lesson was entitled, "The Farmer Pays for All." Many times have I wished that I had sufficient influence with the department to have such a reader placed in our schools. It taught me in the after time the lesson of indulgence (not self-indulgence). Many farmers in Saskatchewan benefited by the salutary lesson I was taught when teaching.

However, since returning from service, my lines have been otherwise cast, but still they brought me in contact with the farmer—as a business man. Whether it is the quiet solitude or not, I must give him credit for shrewdness. He is getting to be more of the salesman—as he produces what the world requires. If he sells his product when the market is full,

he naturally must expect to get a lower price. Here, then, is where your Pool seems to protect you. You are able to get always a fair price. Why should it be otherwise? The general rule in business is to keep the market steady. DOES THE POOL NOT DO THIS?

## TEDIOUS PIECE OF MISSIONARY WORK

It apparently was a tedious and a very insistent piece of missionary work to convince the farmer that he would obtain a better price by co-operative marketing, than by individual effort. The difficulties were great, due in the main to the cosmopolitan class engaged in farming. This is gradually disappearing and only those who are blind to their own interests

can stay out much longer. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than to hear a farmer proudly talk of the Pool. It would seem as if the general public is now convinced that the Wheat Pool is for its benefit. Does it not give the farmer the better price, enabling him to buy where he likes? And he does not complain about the price.

Just the other day I had occasion to take stock of a young farmer from ———. He was doing some shopping, and I was surprised that it was quality he desired, not price. I asked him if he belonged to the "Pool"—he laconically answered, "You betcha." Too many have still the idea that the Pool has to do with co-operative buying. IT HAS NOT. I do not doubt for a minute the importance of so buying, when the opportunity presents itself. It is the

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## PROTESTS AGAINST ATTEMPT TO USE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLERS FOR PURPOSES OF ANTI-WHEAT POOL PROPAGANDA

**J. R. Renton, Well Known Commercial Man, Declares Use of Mail of Travellers' Association for Furtherance of Grain Trade Propaganda "Is More Than a Semblance of Prostituting the Association"**

Enclosed with the regular mail received by members of the North West Commercial Travellers' Association from their head office, anti-Wheat Pool propaganda has recently been disseminated in pamphlet form. The grain trade attack, which is published under the name of the North West Grain Dealers' Association, has thus been foisted upon the travellers in the hope, apparently, that they can be used by the enemies of the Pool in an attempt to injure the cause of co-operative marketing.

J. R. Renton, the writer of the letter which we publish below, protests against what is described as "more than a semblance of prostituting" the North West Commercial Travellers' Association. Mr. Renton is a commercial man widely known in both Eastern and Western Canada. The propagandist pamphlet of the North West Grain Dealers' Association, a copy of which he enclosed, is reprinted on page 11 of this issue, together with the comment of another commercial man, who is an active member of the travellers' organization. Mr. Renton's letter follows:

### MR. RENTON'S PROTEST

Dec. 1st, 1926.

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

Re the North West Commercial Travellers' Association and the North West Grain Dealers' Association.

Sir: The enclosed pamphlet came to me as to other commercial men in our regular mail yesterday.

The cutting speaks for itself, but the purport of my using your columns is to protest against this attempt to exploit our Association in disseminating propaganda obviously against your Association.

We commercial men, in pursuing our peaceful avocations, eschew politics, though we are privileged to exercise our franchise as we see fit. While the opinion expressed here is not distinctly official, it reflects the opinions of many commercial men operating out of this city. We deplore the action of the general secretary in allowing this message of the North West Grain Dealers' Association to be issued to the members of the North West Commercial Travellers' Association (Head Office, Winnipeg) as in so doing there is more than a semblance of prostituting the association, which has hitherto kept itself immune from interference in such matters.

May I explain that I am now merely an honorary member of the Association, but being non-active does not debar me from entering this protest, and expressing an apology to your members, who have every right to feel aggrieved. No doubt, the president of the Alberta Branch will take the matter up officially at a later date.

I am, yours truly,

J. R. RENTON.

1528 12th Ave. West, Calgary, Alta.



# NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of Locals and District Associations and Information From Central Office—Notes on Co-operation

## How Can Program of Your Local Be Made of Greatest Value?

### A Few Ideas Which May Assist in Making Local Programs Interesting and Useful

The U. F. A. financial year ends November 30th, and each Local should if possible have a committee to draft its program to commence with November. The success of any such undertaking depends very largely upon the initiative and leadership of the members. Yet the groups that are willing to act often experience difficulty in finding new ideas for development. It is in the hope of assisting these that the following suggestions are submitted.

The Local is recommended to place this memorandum in the hands of its liveliest workers, at the same time resolving to give them their whole-hearted support in carrying out the program that they prepare.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting—first meeting in December.

- (a) Retiring president's address.
  - (b) Report of Local's work during year by secretary.
  - (c) Financial statement by Auditor.
  - (d) Election of officers—duties of officers and aims of association to be read aloud.
  - (e) Address on Organization by outside speaker.
  - (f) Plans for membership drive and membership banquet.
- (Suggestions can be had on application to Central.)

#### DEBATES

A good list of subjects for debate is available, on application to the Department of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton. Material to assist in the preparation of your argument is also available. No charge is made to residents of Alberta for the service provided in this way except for postage.

#### MOCK TRIALS AND MOCK PARLIAMENTS

These provide a source of instruction and entertainment and a means for the development of individual talent. Directions for the conduct of Mock Trials and Mock Parliaments may be had from Central Office.

#### LIBRARIES FOR RURAL DISTRICTS

Every enterprising rural district looks forward to the reading of a number of good up-to-date books during the long winter evenings. For these districts Travelling Libraries are available at the Department of Extension. Each Library contains from 30 to 40 volumes, two-thirds of which are fiction, the remaining one-third of general literature, including essays, poetry, history, travel, biography, art and science. They are sent free of charge for a period of four months, the only expense being transportation charges.

#### OPEN SHELF

In addition to the fixed library groups an Open Shelf is conducted, from which

#### PEACE RIVER CONVENTION

The annual convention of the Peace River U. F. A. Federal Constituency Association will be held in the Labor Hall, Edmonton, on Saturday, January 15th, commencing at 3 p.m.

books may be borrowed by individuals upon payment of postage both ways. A catalogue of the books in the Open Shelf—about four thousand in number—has been published and may be obtained for the sum of 25c. A registration card will be supplied to applicants asking for books for the first time. The period of loan is four weeks, but, on request this time may be extended.

For U. F. A. Locals, etc., wishing to study certain subjects such as Economics, a limited number of special libraries, made up of books from the Open Shelf Library, may be arranged for.

The Department of Extension arranges a limited number of lectures at local centres during the year. Communities wishing to avail themselves of this service should apply for further particulars.

#### MUSIC

Don't forget music. There are few people who do not enjoy a good song. Song sheets, "The Farmers' Movement Naught Can Stay" and "Equal Rights for All", containing words and music may be had from Central for 10c per sheet. Music also for "O, Organize" can be had from Central, 25c per copy. Words of songs and hymns for 50c per 100. Central also stocks Community Song Book with words and music for 162 songs and choruses, 45c each.

#### PLAYS

Why not try one in your Local this winter?

#### ENTERTAINMENTS FOR SPECIAL EVENINGS

You cannot afford to miss the cele-

bration of special days, such as Halloween, Christmas, New Year's, Easter, etc.

#### COMMUNITY PROBLEMS

Every Local should make a study of the problems of its community such as health, recreation, improvement of the community meeting-place, municipal legislation, school improvement, etc. Addresses may be secured from the local specialists in each line.

#### THE DUTIES OF CITIZENS

Address by the teacher, minister or other local leader.

Note: Information for preparation of practically any paper or address may be had from the Department of Extension, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

There is a Clipping Bureau under the care of Miss Murphy at the Women's Home Bureau Service, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, where Locals may secure information for the asking on almost any subject for papers or debates.

## Co-operative Credit Societies Convene in Edmonton, Jan. 17th

Meeting Will Be One Day in Advance of U. F. A. Convention

The annual convention of the Association of Co-operative Credit Societies of Alberta will be held in Edmonton on Monday, January 17th. This is the day immediately preceding the opening of the Annual Convention of the United Farmers of Alberta. An invitation is extended to all delegates to the U. F. A. Convention who are interested in the subject of rural credits, to go to Edmonton a day in advance, and to attend the meeting of the Co-operative Credits (Continued on page 27)

## CONTRIBUTES DUES OF EIGHT MEMBERS BECAUSE LOCAL CANNOT NOW BE RE-ORGANIZED

**Bert Huffman Forwards Personal Cheque for \$24 and Offers Same Amount Each Year Until Local Can Be Established Again**

The following letter, enclosing Mr. Huffman's personal cheque for \$24 and a similarly generous offer for the future, was received at the office of the Central Secretary a few days ago:  
U. F. A. Central Office, Calgary.

Gentlemen: As it seems impossible to reorganize or to maintain an organization of our little Local at Inverlake, or Turner school, No. 1133, and as I am anxious for our neighborhood to do its share in U. F. A. work, I am enclosing my personal cheque for \$24, approximating the annual dues of eight members. You may credit this sum to the Educational or Organization Fund of Central Office wherever it will do most good. Until we can effect a permanent organization here, I will be glad to contribute this amount each year to Central Office, to offset the failure of the Local to contribute. We had only six or eight paying members, so this amount will be equal to the contribution of the entire Local to the Cause. With best wishes and sincere co-operation in the work of the organization, I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) BERT HUFFMAN.

Glen Doris Ranch, Langdon, Alta.



## NEWS FROM THE ALBERTA WHEAT POOL HEAD OFFICE

A Page of Information for Members and Locals Edited by the Publicity Department of the Alberta Wheat Pool

# *Would Like to Destroy Wheat Pool*

## Why Some Elevator Companies Are Trying to Undermine the Pool and the Method They Use

### *To Members of the Alberta Wheat Pool:*

Propaganda has probably reached you from the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association.

The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association is an association formed some years ago in Winnipeg by the line elevator companies. Its main function is in fixing every-day street prices.

Prior to the formation of this association elevator companies fixed their own street prices. The result was that there was competition among the elevator companies to buy your wheat, which was a good thing for the farmer, because sometimes one elevator company would pay more than another.

The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association was formed to see that all prices were the same.

The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association was formed to insure a profit to the elevator companies, and it is a very effective association. Woe betide the elevator company who exceeds the street price!

All this is subservient to the real issue.

Why are the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association spending all this money for propaganda?

Because the elevator companies make more money on non-Pool wheat than they do on Pool wheat.

And some elevator companies would like to destroy the Pool.

Every circular they send out will be effectively answered by the Pool, because we know that outside of the odd case the Wheat Pool farmer got more money through the Pool than the non-Pool man got. We will give you the facts to show this is true.

The Alberta Wheat Pool wants to play fair with the elevator companies, but some of the elevator companies are not playing fair with the Pool.

**We want you to co-operate with us in picking out the unfair firms. We want you to write us and let us know what companies are handing out anti-Pool propaganda; what elevator agents are talking against the Pool.** Give us their names and the name of the company in every case. Be sure you give us the real facts. Be sure you are right. We have heard that in some cases the elevator companies are even going so far as to enclose this propaganda with Pool settlements. Let us know if you have received any of these.

Some elevator companies are being eminently fair with the Pool, and the Pool is anxious to be fair with these companies. With the others we will act as our best business judgment says we should act.

We know we will have the earnest co-operation of every member of this Pool. This is a very important task we are assigning to you.

Address your letters to

"The Manager, Alberta Wheat Pool, Calgary", and they will have prompt acknowledgment.



# THE WHEAT POOL AND WHEAT PRICES

An Address Given by D. L. Smith, Sales Manager of Central Selling Agency of the Canadian Wheat Pools, at Regina, Recently

As sales manager of the Central Selling Agency to which you have entrusted your grain, you will expect me to say something about the final payment, particularly at this time when a great deal of criticism is being levelled at us by our well-known opponents. I hope to be able to satisfy your minds that the Pool price has been a very satisfactory one before I am through.

I would like to remind the delegates, when talking to the Pool farmers in their districts that it is not natural for the grain men to be so vitally interested in the farmer as they appear to be today. Why all this anxiety? To me it does not appear that the real outcry is sincere, but rather that we are robbing the grain trade of the wonderful juicy earnings which it has been accustomed to for many years.

If there had not been a Pool, the grain trade would have handled all of that wheat, no matter what the price was, and the earnings would have been absolutely assured at all times. We also must remember that the grain men are not required to be interested in one way or another as to the price of wheat. A very important fact to remember.

## GRAIN TRADE THRIVES ON LOW PRICES

Under the old system, the farmer hauled to the grain man, then the grain man would in turn, sell to the exporters or consumers—so that the consumer in those pre-Pool days fixed the levels of wheat. The lower price of wheat, as far as the grain man was concerned, the better. He could carry more wheat and arrange his finances more easily.

I would like those who have doubt as to the success of the Canadian Pool to look back to 1922-24. What was the average price at country elevators in Saskatchewan in that year? Probably 80c, perhaps near 75c. Then ask yourselves if conditions in the world have changed so much that the price has risen so radically. We know that the world condition has not changed to any appreciable extent. What has changed is the system of marketing.

Look back prior to the war. I do not remember any year prior to the war when prices were what our final prices have been in the current year. I am absolutely satisfied in my own mind, if, through some unforeseen calamity, the Pool were to break down, that within six months or twelve months at the longest, the farmers would be marketing their wheat at the same levels as they did for the past 20 years, prior to the war, and nothing in the world would stop the price levels of wheat moving downward.

If you have a crop of 350,000,000 bushels and practically all the farmers are in need of money, which means forced selling, how is it possible to expect the market to hold up when more wheat is being dumped into that market than it can absorb?

Prices must be put to a level where buyers are willing to take over the load. Pooling is the only safe and sane method that will prevent the glutting of the market when the demand is not equal to the supply.

Opponents of the Wheat Pool are circulating misleading information in an endeavor to harm the organization and to create distrust and dissatisfaction among the Pool signers. Mr. Smith, in his address, printed below, gives a fair resume of the Pool's operations and effectually answers much of the anti-Pool propaganda.

## WHAT IS MEANT BY "AVERAGE PRICE"

Further comment is not necessary in connection with the statement as to the average open market price of \$1.51 per bushel, as recorded by the grain trade. The basis they work on is an elementary one, and of very little value for comparison. To prove anything it would be necessary to show the actual average of the non-Pool wheat sold by the farmers. They merely total up the daily closing price for One Northern and divided that total by the number of trading days. No regard is given to deliveries, and the record would indicate the same quantity of wheat being delivered each day from one year's end to another, and sold. The wheat sold in June and October is treated on the same basis, with no allowance for carrying charges or interest.

About 330,000,000 bushels were delivered to the country elevators by January 30th, 1926. Now, that is 330,000,000 bushels out of a total of 360,000,000 bushels available, the balance being used for seed and feed. We know that the wheat in the farmers' hands was Pool wheat. Practically all of the non-Pool wheat has been handled within six months after the crop started to move. Therefore, the average price should be the average from September 1st to January 30th.

From September 1st to December 15th, the shipments of wheat from Port Arthur and Fort William and Vancouver (including flour grindings) totalled 211,000,000 bushels. Of these shipments the Pool made the following:

From Port Arthur and	
Fort William	83,000,000 bush.
From Vancouver	7,500,000 bush.
Sales—	
Fort William	21,000,000 bush.
Total	111,500,000 bush.

The balance shipped out and sold by the trade was, therefore, 99,500,000 bushels. We know that any wheat shipped out must have been previously sold by the farmers. The average price from September 1st to December 15th works out at \$1.37%, which we will say, they secured for the non-Pool wheat of 99,500,000 bushels, giving them a tremendous advantage by saying that they got the average price because we know that a tremendous amount was sold during October and November.

## HIGH AVERAGE IS BASED ON PAPER WHEAT PRICES

As the total quantity of non-Pool wheat for the year was 172,000,000 bushels, this leaves a balance of 73,000,000 bushels which they had to sell at \$1.68% to get the average price of \$1.51 for the year,

and I will leave it to you to decide if it was possible to sell 73,000,000 bushels between December 15th and August 31st at the average price of \$1.68% as against the actual average price of \$1.54%—or 14% cents less than they required to secure the average of \$1.51. Remember that this \$1.68%, that they had to get, leaves no allowance for storage or interest, which would be very heavy from January to August. I do not think we should be disturbed or bluffed in any way by those comparisons. All that we should be concerned about is: Have we been successful in getting a satisfactory price for our Pool wheat?

The bulk of the crop was delivered by January 30th, 1926—333,000,000 bushels out of 360,000,000 bushels. Now we know from experience that the grain men were never accustomed to being philanthropic so far as the farmers are concerned; so that they did charge storage and commission as in previous years. 250,000,000 bushels were delivered by the middle of December. That storage and other charges started December 31st, gives the grain trade considerable advantage.

Assuming the same quantity of wheat must have been sold every day at the closing price, 10,000,000 bushels per month, and a total of 120,000,000 bushels for the year, on this basis the first month's charges on 10,000,000 bushels would be \$175,000 and so on to the end of August, by which time there would be eight months' charges, approximately \$1,400,000, or a total of \$7,500,000—7 cents per bushel on the entire year's handling—provided they sold the exact amount each day, the price would be \$1.44. Now, we know they did not secure an average of \$1.44. Hardly a bushel of non-Pool wheat was in their hands at the end of May, yet they took advantage of the price levels of June, July and August—when they didn't own any wheat.

## POOL RAISES PRICE LEVEL FOR NON-POOL FARMERS

The price we secured was the average level that the Canadian Wheat Pool determined for Canadian wheat. Personally I feel, if a thorough investigation could be made, you would find their average price is not over \$1.40. Various farmers may have been successful in selling their wheat at the peak of prices, but I am sure, for every one who got \$1.45 there were ten, at least ten, who got much less. This is borne out by the fact that over 100,000,000 bushels of non-Pool wheat were delivered to the country elevators before November 30th, and by that date the average price was \$1.35.

I, personally, pay very little attention to the grain trade criticism of the final payment, because I am satisfied we secured the average figure for the year. The Grain Exchange has really no price, but merely a quotation as set by the Canadian Wheat Pool. It has often been said that supply and demand fix the price. Now, as we control better than 65 per cent. of the Canadian supply, we must have control of the price of Canadian wheat in so far as supply exercises control. The chief accomplishment, however, has been the raising of the level of



Canadian wheat—that is, the raising of the parity of Canadian wheat as compared with other world wheats. It has always been more or less on a level, and at periods below the level of the parity of other world wheats.

#### BRITISH DISTRIBUTOR ON WHEAT POOL

Let me also read a cable from the other side of the water, from one of the chief grain distributors in Britain:

"October 6th, 1926: Authentic records prove good premiums obtained Manitobas against other competitive wheats since Pool inception, despite recent bumper Canadian crops which, under individual marketing, would have caused an avalanche with resultant low prices. This demonstrates undoubted success Pool marketing system. Though development of Pool has severely curtailed profitable operations my own firm and other firms, nevertheless, any experienced and reputable grain man must readily concede that, owing concentrated European buying as result trustification and amalgamation milling industry

United Kingdom, also large extent France and foreshadowed important consolidations Germany, and bearing in mind paternal government buying Norway, Switzerland, Greece, also review co-operative marketing policy pursued Australia and Soviet Russia, the absolute necessity for Canadian producers to Pool resources hardly needs demonstration. Don't overlook Pool only organization capable scientifically taking care forced fall movement Canadian crop view short season before freeze-up, and the only intelligent way avoid ruinous competition with unorganized European domestic crops moving same time. Draw attention Argentine grain export controlled by only three firms now, working close co-operation."

#### GRAIN TRADE NOW OUT OF PICTURE

As a matter of fact the Canadian Pool is better posted on the wheat situation than any other grain exporting organization, and is able to determine, without much difficulty, on what level our Canadian wheat should be sold. The Cana-

dian grain trade, being merely a handling body, have to govern their market quotations by such information. My advice is, let us forget the grain trade, as it is really out of the picture so far as making the price of Canadian wheat is concerned.

China, Japan, Brazil, Mexico, and all European ports received a total handling of 173,000,000 bushels. The Canadian Pool exported 120,000,000 bushels, leaving a balance of about 50,000,000 bushels exported through grain exchange channels, or about 25 per cent.

We have many experienced importers and agents working exclusively for us in Europe. We have three representatives in London, Liverpool 2, Holland 1, Manchester 1, Glasgow 1, Dublin 1, Belfast 1, Hamburg 1, Berlin 1, Mannheim 1, Antwerp 1, Dusseldorf 1, Copenhagen 2, Rotterdam 1, Helsingfors 2, Oslo 1, Zurich 1, Genoa 1, Lisbon 1, Mexico 1. We have also a representative in Rio de Janeiro.

We have our own office in Paris, as the Pool do a large business there. We practically control the sale of Canadian

## A BIG BEAR TRAP---BUT POORLY SET

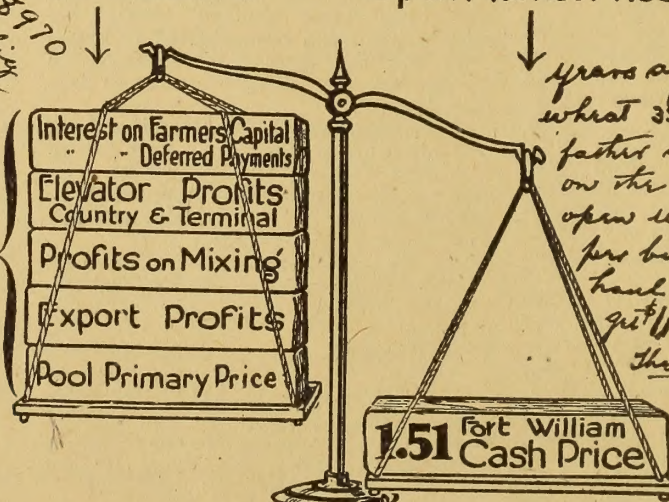
### The Northwest Grain Dealers' Association

*For your information No. 1.*

*This was attached to  
return for car no 408970  
this looks like a bit  
of a trap so we only  
is very poorly set then  
aint enough moss and  
braves over the jaws  
and teeth*

Pool Returns

Open Market Price



1925-6

The above is a reproduction of one of the circulars with which the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association is flooding Western Canada in an effort to destroy the Wheat Pools.

The written remarks on either side were made by a Saskatchewan farmer. The grain company through which this farmer shipped his wheat to the Pool attached the

Grain Trade circular to the settlement. Rather a cute way of spreading propaganda!

But this farmer was no man's fool. His recollections dated back beyond the days before the Wheat Pools were ever thought of. He states that he remembers when he hauled wheat 35 miles and sold it on the "open market" for 45c a bushel.

Regarding the Grain Trade claims of the "average closing price on the Winnipeg Exchange being \$1.51 Fort William", read D. L. Smith's address reprinted in this issue. Read it slowly and carefully. Copies of this address may be obtained in pamphlet form on application to the Alberta Wheat Pool, Lougheed Bldg., Calgary.



wheat to France. Up to date we have handled eighty per cent. of all the wheat bought in France this season. We have six hundred milling customers there, placing orders from 25 to 5000 tons.

We enjoy a very high reputation in France, due in a large measure to the excellent work of our manager there. The opening of this office—initially as an experiment—has been entirely successful. I believe, when conditions become more settled, offices will be opened in Germany and Italy.

The financial situation in Europe is a very difficult one, and has caused the compulsory curtailing of the use of high-priced foreign wheats. In many parts of Europe they are eating a much inferior bread, judged by pre-war standards.

This can only right itself when the finances of these countries show some improvement. We are, however, reaching the stage now, when buyers come to us. No week passes in which buyers do

not say that they have such and such requirements, asking us to load the grain and to name the price. This is becoming quite a regular occurrence now, particularly on the continent.

The Central Selling Agency is doing everything possible to market your wheat scientifically and judiciously. If we get 85 per cent. of the crop we will be able to make further progress and to further raise the parity of our wheat in comparison with the wheats of other countries.

# Commercial Travellers and the Wheat Pool

Prominent Traveller Expresses His Opinion on Grain Dealers' Bid for Sympathy

The letter published below was received a few days ago by President Wood from a commercial traveller. The writer enclosed a copy of anti-Pool propaganda which had been enclosed to him by the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association. We reproduce, on this page also, the matter contained in the pamphlet of the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association to which he refers.

H. W. Wood, Esq.,  
C/o Alberta Wheat Pool,  
Calgary, Alta.

Dear Sir:

The enclosed "Extracts from memoranda submitted by the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association to their country agents", was mailed to me with annual ballot papers by the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association of Canada, Winnipeg, and received Nov. 30th.

## "Not Open to Any Sideline"

In my eighteen years of membership I have no recollection of the Northwest Commercial Travellers' Association lending itself to the cause of any political party, or any particular trade organization, and it is my hope that this paper

merely got mixed up with others in mailing and arrived in error. In any case I do not propose to act as an agent of the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association in spreading any propaganda intended to further their cause. As a salesman I am paid for my work and I'm not open to take on any sideline.

However, this paper is so interesting that you may agree, the public should read it, and along with it permit me to express my views regarding it, which I believe will coincide with those of any fair-minded citizen who is independent of either the Pool or the enemy of the Pool who got together these misleading "facts" and figures, intended to be administered to the farmers, by Dr. Tough, in small doses, which if swallowed during the next year and a half will surely make them sick.

## Little Confidence in Dr. Tough

Now, figures won't lie, but liars can figure, and if I know the farmers of Alberta, they have very little confidence in Dr. Tough, and are not likely to swallow these figures without smelling each dose very carefully. I doubt the ability of a trained salesman to convince anyone that these figures are fair or that they show truthfully the apparent disadvantage of a member of the Pool.

Extracts from Memoranda Submitted by the Northwest Grain Dealers' Association to their Country Agents

## POOL PACKAGES MOSTLY EMPTIES

Open Market average 1925-26.....\$1.51  
Pool Basis (with extra earnings).....\$1.45  
Pool Basis (after deductions) ....\$1.41-\$1.43  
Yet \$1.51 is only the average of the primary cash prices, while the Pool basis includes extra revenue from:

Export Business.  
Mixing Business.  
Elevator Earnings.  
Interest Earnings.

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## OPEN MARKET PRICES

In the crop year 1925-26 there were 301 Market Days.

The official closing price for No. 1 Northern Wheat in store Fort William was never less than \$1.51 per bushel on 201 Market Days.

(During the greater part of this period the price was considerably more—in fact for 72 days the price was from \$1.58 to \$1.70.) Only on 69 days out of the entire crop year was the closing price of No. 1 Northern in store Fort William below the Pool's announced price of \$1.45.

## WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO POOL PRICES?

Why did the Pool pay its members 21c per bushel less in 1925-26 than in 1924-25?

It claims that it can raise and maintain price levels.

Why did it not raise the price last year instead of lower it? Why not at least maintain the level, which would have added \$80,000,000 to the farmers' income?

If the Pool has not the power it claims, what good is it?

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## WORTH THINKING ABOUT

Wheat, under the Pool, is the only commodity in the world in which a seller on the instalment plan gets less than a seller for cash.

Wheat moves into selling positions just as it did before the Pool, but money does not get to the farmers in the same way. In the fall the Pool system of payments stops the natural circulation of money and then dumps it in March and July.

What next? An avowed intention is "finally to bring all our operations of buying and selling under the control of the farmers themselves." In the United States, out of 10,800 farmers' associations, 5,386 buy farm supplies for their members, their total business for 1925 being more than \$800,000,000.

I submit that the open market average price of \$1.51 for No. 1 Northern wheat in store at Fort William in the crop year 1925-26 for 301 market days is not the average price paid per bushel to the farmer by the grain dealer and this figure does not give us a true comparison with the Pool price of \$1.45 per bushel which was paid by the Pool on every bushel handled by them. If the Grain Dealers' Association wish to be fair and really want to convince us on this phase of the so-called failure of the Pool, why do they not give us the quantities bought by them from farmers each day for the 301 days, and the price paid each day. From this information an average price would be found which would be fair and one which would, we believe, be less than \$1.45.

## What Happened on Grain Exchange

Now what has happened to Pool prices is exactly what happened to the average price on the Grain Exchange in Winnipeg. In 1925-26 the average price for 301 days was \$1.51. For the same 301 days in 1924-25 crop year what was the average price? Why do they not figure that out and show us just how much their decline was? It is almost safe to say it was more than 21c.

I do not think it has ever been claimed that the Pool can set the price of wheat each year. The law of supply and demand will always be a factor. But the Pool can and should give its members all the profit their crop might otherwise give the grain dealers.

That's worth thinking about and the grain dealers seem to be somewhat worried about it.

The average price paid by the Pool for its two years is \$1.55½.

What was the average price paid by the grain dealers for the two years before the Pool started to operate? That would be a nice comparison to make.

Now, during the market days of 1925-26 how long would the farmer hold his wheat, before he could get the average price of \$1.51? Who circulated the money for him to pay his bills up to that date? Who provided him with money to bring Christmas joys to his home?

## Trade Improved Under Pool Payments

Trade has steadily improved in Alberta under Pool payments and merchants, who know their business, do not fear the competition of farmers' stores under farmer management.

If any of the above is of any interest, I am pleased to submit it for whatever use you wish.

For the present, at least, my identity you will please withhold.

Yours truly,

COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER.



## Wheat Marketing in the Antipodes

### Concerted Action By Australian Pools Would Help Canadian Pools

The Canadian Wheat Pool is interested very much indeed in the development of the wheat pooling idea in Australia.

The reason for this is the constant menace to the price of Canadian wheat caused by disorderly marketing of wheat in the Antipodes.

Australia and Argentine wheat come on the market about the first of the year. Continued "dumping" of grain by the producers in those wheat exporting countries inevitably causes a slump in prices.

H. W. Wood, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and Geo. W. Robertson, Secretary of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, gained considerable insight into the methods of marketing wheat by the Australian producers, while in that country recently. The two Canadian Wheat Pool representatives preached the Pool gospel while there, one direct result being the decision by the state Wheat Pools of Australia to hold a meeting the first of next year to endeavor to effect consolidation in selling Australian wheat.

### DIFFICULTIES CONFRONTING POOL

Australia will supply close to one-eighth of the export demand for wheat this year, having a surplus of about 105 million bushels. There are several Wheat Pools in the country, but they have been handicapped by division of effort, lack of a central selling agency and physical difficulties such as different gauges in the railway systems of the various states, lack of terminal elevators and dearth of local elevators. Grain does not pass through a "bottle neck" such as is the case in Canada. The "grain trade" who oppose the Wheat Pools, include several very wealthy and extremely powerful grain firms. In spite of these difficulties, the pooling system is gaining favor and high hopes of ultimate success.

Australian wheat is handled largely in bags. There are few elevators, but warehouses are used for storage purposes. Elevators must be of cement, owing to the depredations caused by ants in wooden structure. The sacking of wheat is quite an additional item of expense to the wheat grower in that country.

The wheat grown in Australia is larger in size of kernel than Canadian wheat and is of the white variety, and soft compared with the flinty wheat raised in Western Canada. It is sold on the basis of "fair, average quality." To obtain this, samples are collected from the season's crop and sent to importing countries and constitute the standard—quality, weight per bushel, color, moisture content, cleanness, soundness, etc.—which will be delivered on the contract, failing which an arbitration will be held and the matter adjusted as between buyer and seller. The disadvantage of this system of selling is that it is cumbersome, expensive and leads to numerous disputes and delays. The millers like it in some respects as they can

always get an adjustment on shipments not up to the standard samples.

### WHAT CANADIAN POOL WANTS

The Canadian Pool want to see a strong pooling system develop in Australia. Then Canadian and Australian Pools could keep in intimate touch with each other, supply accurate and instant information, and market their respective crops without demoralizing the market. To do this Australia must develop a central selling system and a system of terminal elevators.

J. M. McDonald, of Australia, prominent in Wheat Pool operations there, claims that the orderly system of marketing adopted by the Canadian Pool increased the value of wheat raised in Australia in 1924 by 25c a bushel.

The Canadian Wheat Pool emissaries were treated very hospitably during their stay in Australia. They addressed many meetings all over the island continent, in rural districts and in centres of population, and their remarks were listened to with keen interest and appreciation.

Mr. Wood said West Australia is the "Alberta" of the Antipodes. In turn, Mr. Robertson said South Australia was the "Saskatchewan" of Australia, Victoria the "Manitoba" and New South Wales the "Ontario" of the Commonwealth.

## WHEAT POOL NEWS NOTES

The Alberta Wheat Pool has now a membership of thirty-eight thousand and fifty Alberta farmers. One hundred contracts were received last week.

W. J. Jackman, Alberta Wheat Pool Director, now in the Argentine Republic, is expected home about December 15. He is studying conditions there on behalf of the Canadian Pool. The Argentine markets its wheat in the old "dumping" style, only many times worse than Canadian farmers ever practised. A few big firms buy practically all the Argentine wheat for export, and they see to it that prices are decidedly low when the farmer has to sell.

The Alberta Wheat Pool directors will conduct a series of meetings throughout their districts during the next few months. These meetings are open to all and the Directors are anxious that there should be full discussion and big attendances.

The Nebraska Wheat Grower points out that during September wheat sold higher in Winnipeg than in Minneapolis, despite the duty of 42c a bushel against Canadian wheat going into the United States. The Wheat Grower gives the Canadian Pool credit for the higher price in Canada.

A Dorelee farmer had "tough feed" wheat last year which he sold to his local elevator for 44c a bushel. On enquiry from the Wheat Pool office he found that the Pool paid 73c a bushel for the same grade; hence this one man lost 28c a bushel on three loads he sold, as compared to price paid by Pool.

O. A. Cragg, of Eyremore, writes to the Alberta Wheat Pool office: "Per-

sonally I strongly favor the co-operative system of marketing and think the Directors have accomplished wonders in so short a time, and I believe the benefits generally will be very far-reaching in many ways."

Australia has been selling a proportion of her wheat through state wheat pools. The difficulty with this system was that these separate pools often underbid each other. Furthermore, they had developed little power in the Island Continent where the "grain trade" got a very high commission as its share, regularly. Following the visit of H. W. Wood, Chairman of the Alberta Wheat Pool, and Geo. Robertson, secretary of the Saskatchewan Pool, to the Antipodes, the Pools there have gotten together and will sell through a joint agency this year, according to a recent despatch from Liverpool.

Herman Trelle, the Peace River district farmer who won first prize for hard, red spring wheat at the Chicago International Show, is a member of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Lew Hutchinson, Wheat Pool Director for Camrose, has started out to address a series of meetings in his district. Other directors will address meetings throughout their respective districts during the next few months. These meetings are open to all.

G. LaRue, publisher of the St. Paul Journal is an enthusiastic booster for the Alberta Wheat Pool. Mr. LaRue keeps a supply of contracts in his office and recently sent in four contracts signed by farmers in the vicinity of St. Paul.

The Saskatchewan Wheat Pool has a membership of 79,943 as at November 25th, 1926, the acreage under contract being well over ten and a half million acres.

The Alberta Wheat Pool elevators have handled three and a half million bushels of wheat up to December 3rd, 1926. The Pool owns forty elevators, besides leasing the government elevator at Prince Rupert. Agents of Pool elevators have been signing up quite a number of new members, several having sent in from 25 to 30 signed contracts this fall.

The Wheat Pool does not grade grain. Grading is done by government inspectors. The Pool maintains a staff of inspectors who keep close supervision over Pool members' grain and see that they get the best possible grades. The Pool also has a moisture tester and is always willing to make a test of samples of wheat submitted. The samples should be sent in to the Wheat Pool, Loughheed Building, Calgary, in a small tin. Don't send samples in envelopes.

Three more shiploads of wheat will be loaded from the Alberta Wheat Pool terminal at Prince Rupert during the coming week. This will make a total of six grain cargoes from that port. The Pool shipped the first cargo of grain to leave Prince Rupert. It is expected that five million bushels will be shipped from the 1926 crop through the Prince Rupert elevator.



The Co-operator (Minneapolis), says: "The Canadian Wheat Pool is a thing for the world to marvel at—and that is what the world is doing."

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There was practically no non-Pool wheat in the country after May 1st of last year. Nearly sixty per cent. of the wheat delivered went on the market during 69 days in September, October and November.

### COLORADO WHEAT POOL

Deliveries to the 1926 Pool of the Colorado Wheat Growers' Association show an increase of several hundred per cent. in the per capita membership delivery. It was stated recently by officials of the organization.

"Comparative figures show the Pool to be in the strongest position in its history," said Bruce Lampson, general manager. "Present members of the association will receive the benefit of the enormous bargaining power of the 20,000,000-bushel four-state hard winter wheat pool. Our entire membership today is strictly confined to actual wheat growers and actual co-operators who are alive to the advantages of co-operative marketing and determined to place agricultural marketing on a business basis equal to that of other American industries."

"Many non-members are seeking to deliver wheat to the association this year, although this is not legally permissible. New members, however, are constantly joining the association, and scores of old members who had neglected to renew their agreements are re-joining the Pool as they deliver their grain."

## Pembina Convention Is Well Attended

Over 40 Delegates Present at Westlock—  
Important Addresses

The annual convention of the Pembina U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association was held in Westlock on November 25th. The convention was well attended, there being over 40 delegates and officers present. H. Critchlow acted as chairman.

The Hon. P. Baker and Hon. V. W. Smith were present and delivered addresses which were much appreciated by all. Mr. Baker spoke on the progress of education in Alberta and showed how in the last few years children had been attaining to higher standards. Mr. Smith dealt more particularly with the problems of the E. D. and B. C. Railway and its branches.

A. R. Brown gave a report of the last Annual Meeting of the Wheat Pool, which he had attended as a delegate. Geo. MacLachlan, M.L.A., spoke on past and prospective legislation and the president, Mr. Critchlow, in his address reported on the years' progress in the economic and political fields. Mr. Critchlow was re-elected president. Mrs. Jas. Rebb, vice-president. A number of resolutions were discussed by the convention. Altogether the convention was a decided success in spite of the cold weather and the long distance that a great many of the delegates had to travel in order to attend.

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# NEWS FROM HEAD OFFICE OF THE ALBERTA DAIRY POOL

Official Information for Members of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers, Ltd.

## Annual Convention of Alberta Dairy Pool to Be Held in Edmonton February 8th--Pool Has Brought Substantial Gains to Producers

**Fight Against the Pool on Cream Prices Has Brought Over Quarter Million Dollars in Higher Prices to Producers—Alberta Prices Substantially Higher Than Those of Saskatchewan—Pool Contemplates Great Increase in Number of Creameries This Year**

We print below a letter to all members of the Alberta Dairy Pool, from the Executive of the Association. The Annual Convention of the Pool, it is announced, will be held in Edmonton on Tuesday, February 8th, commencing at 10 a.m. Post card ballots for the election of delegates have been sent out, and the delegates receiving the largest number of votes, by 5 p.m. January 9th, will be declared elected.

The past year, the letter states, has witnessed a substantial increase in prices, and the fight against the Pool has merely proved of advantage to the producers. Prices obtained in Alberta moreover have been substantially higher than in the neighboring Province of Saskatchewan.

To All Members of the Alberta Dairy Pool:

The time has come again for the election of delegates to the Annual Convention of the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers (The Alberta Dairy Pool). We trust that each member will fill in the post card ballot and mail it promptly to the Pool Office. The ten delegates in each district receiving the largest number of votes by 5 p.m., January 9th, 1927, will be declared elected to attend the Annual Convention.

### RESOLUTIONS FOR CONVENTION

At the said annual meeting, the following resolutions will be proposed:

1. That the Articles of Association be amended so as to provide that four Directors be elected in 1927 for two years, and the remaining three for one year, and that at future annual meetings the vacancies on the Board of Directors be filled by electing Directors for two-year terms.

That for the purpose of complying with the said amendment, the District delegates from Districts Nos. 1, 3, 5, and 7, elect Directors for two years, and delegates from Districts Nos. 2, 4, and 6, elect Directors for one year.

2. That the Articles of Association be altered by striking out the words "a list of all names of members in a district and" where they appear in Article 3.

3. That the Board of Directors be instructed to divide each district where possible, into sub-districts, each sub-district to elect one delegate for every tenth or greater fraction thereof that the membership of the sub-district bears to the total membership of the district.

### BROUGHT QUARTER MILLION DOLLARS TO PRODUCERS

Although there will be no bonus paid this year, the Pool has more than justified its existence. Not only Pool members, but all cream producers have benefited during the year because of the effort made to put the Pool out of existence. The fight against the Pool has

brought to the cream producers of Alberta over a quarter of a million dollars more for their cream than they would have received had there been no Pool and no cream fight this year. The relation of cream prices to the wholesale butter market proves what the Pool has meant to the cream producers this year. (See table at foot of this page.)

### ALBERTA PRICES HIGHER THAN SASKATCHEWAN

The value of the Alberta Dairy Pool to the cream producers of Alberta is also shown by a comparison between cream prices in Alberta and Saskatchewan at country points.

A. Average monthly cream prices, basis special, country points, Alberta.

B. Average monthly cream prices, basis special, country points, Saskatchewan.

	A Alberta cts. per lb.	B Saskatchewan cts. per lb.	Gain for Alberta Cream Producer cts. per lb.
January	36.6	34.5	2.1
February	40.1	36	4.1
March	44.1	37	7.1
April	35.7	33.2	2.5
May	31	29	2
June	31.5	29	2.5
July	30.3	28.2	2.1
August	30	27.7	2.3
September	29.2	27.5	1.7
October	29	28	1
November	29.5	29.1	.4

### ENEMIES OF POOL BOUND TO FAIL

Those who would destroy the Alberta Co-operative Dairy Producers' organization in Alberta are bound to fail. The Producers' organization is just as essential to the progress and development of the dairy industry in Alberta as the manufacturing organization. The companies working with the Pool this year have proved that co-operation with the present manufacturing companies has been a real success.

During the coming year the Pool contemplates arranging for a great increase in the number of Pool creameries. If you wish your local creamery to be made a Pool creamery for the coming year, get the Pool members in your district to fill in their post card ballots as soon as possible. If the members show by their ballots that they want more Pool facilities, we will do our utmost to comply with their wishes.

The annual Dairy Pool Convention will be held in Edmonton on Tuesday, February the 8th, commencing at 10 a.m.

## Gains in Butter and Cream Prices in 1926

A. Shows the average monthly price for cream, basis special, delivered at Edmonton.

B. Shows the average monthly wholesale price for butter, basis special, F.O.B. Edmonton.

	1925		1926		Gain for Producer in 1926 over 1925 cts. per lb.
	A Cream Price	B Butter Price	A Cream Price	B Butter Price	
January	34	34	38.6	38.5	.1
February	32.6	32	42.1	40.5	1.
March	32	32.5	46.1	39.5	7.1
April	32.2	33	37.7	36	2.5
May	31.3	33	33	33	1.7
June	31	33.7	33.5	34.1	2.1
July	34.1	36.3	32.3	32.8	1.7
August	35.8	37	32	32.6	.6
September	37.8	39.2	31.2	32.2	.4

(Figures for October and November not available at time of printing).



Even if you are not a delegate, it will be worth your while to attend the Annual Convention this year.

Yours truly,

THE ALBERTA CO-OPERATIVE  
DAIRY PRODUCERS, LIMITED.  
Per: The Board of Directors.

## Co-operative League Secures Discounts Totalling \$1,303

Special discounts to the amount of \$1,303.30 were secured during the past six months by the Alberta Co-operative League as a result of collective buying for the co-operative associations comprising its membership, writes T. Swindlehurst, League secretary, reporting a recent meeting in Ponoka of the executive and managers. The total amount is being pro-rated, after deduction of 10 per cent. for the funds of the League, according to the amounts of purchases, as follows: Wetaskiwin, \$398.50; Ponoka, \$123.55; Killam, \$191.55; Bentley, \$1.60; Olds, \$10; Edgerton, \$155.70; Strome, \$108; Youngstown, \$157.95; Crossfield, \$1.05; Eckville, 95c.

In discussing the collective buying of boots and shoes, the opinion was that the label of the co-operative association ought to be placed on the box, the maker's name to appear on the shoe as a guarantee.

The next meeting will be held in Edmonton during the U. F. A. Annual Convention week. Several manufacturers and merchants have expressed a desire to submit samples and prices to the meeting. "The difficulty is not so much to get a right price, but how to get the associations together to take advantage of it," adds Mr. Swindlehurst.

"The members had under discussion the different makes of binder twine, and decided, as last year, to place the order for 1927 with the Brantford Cordage Co., this twine having proved very satisfactory.

"The delegates inspected the premises of the Ponoka Co-op. Association, and expressed their appreciation at the appearance of the modern store."

Those attending the meeting were W. Halsall, Killam; A. P. Moan, Wetaskiwin; R. McCool, Crossfield; J. P. Benham, Millet; J. C. Shannon, Mannville; J. Brebler, Ponoka; J. Orr, Ponoka; J. S. Clear, Saskatchewan; T. Swindlehurst, Edgerton.

## POTATO HARVEST OF 1926

The preliminary estimate of the total Canadian yield in 1926 of potatoes is 50,646,000 cwt. from 545,172 acres or 92.9 cwt. per acre as compared with 42,379,900 cwt. from 545,891 acres or 77.6 cwt. per acre in 1925 and 55,963,433 cwt. from 602,055 acres or .93 cwt. per acre, the annual acreage for the three years 1922-24. The total value of the crop for 1926 is estimated at \$74,194,000, as compared with \$83,614,900 for 1925, the average price per cwt. being \$1.46, as against \$1.97 in 1925. By Provinces, the average yields in cwt. per acre are, in order, as follows, last year's averages being shown in brackets: New Brunswick 142.5 (105.8); Prince Edward Island 126.3 (113.2); Nova Scotia 105.8 (92.2); Manitoba 100 (88.2); British Columbia 95.8 (104.8); Quebec 92.3 (70.4); Alberta 91.1 (100.6); Ontario 75.7 (57.6); Saskatchewan 67.6 (80.5).

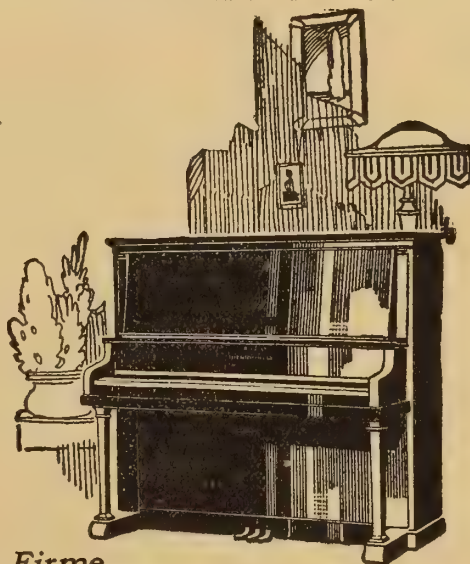
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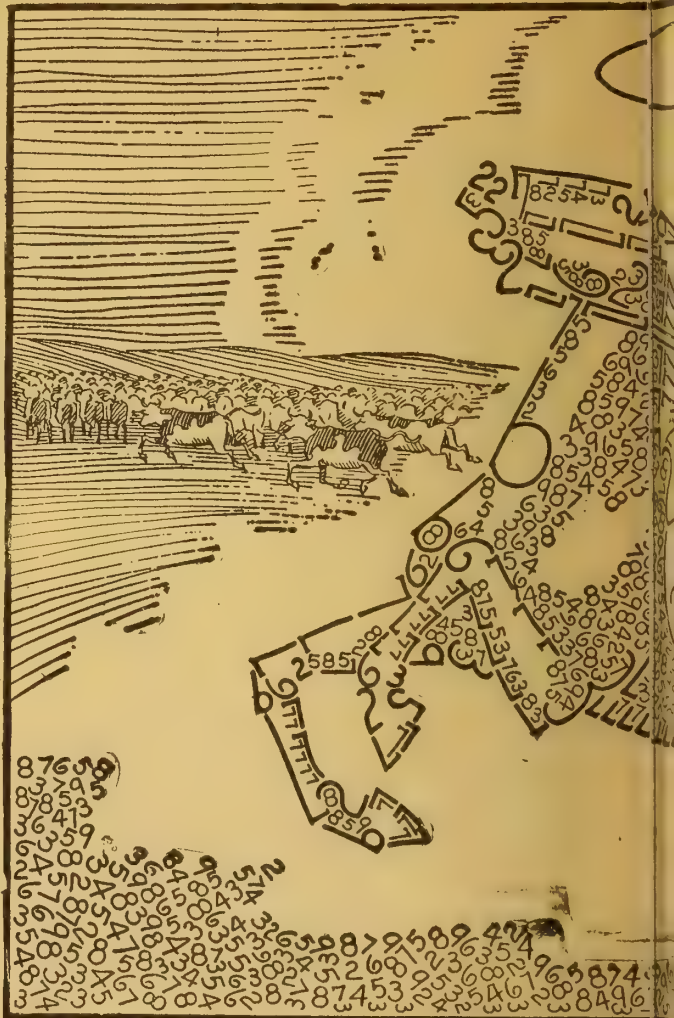
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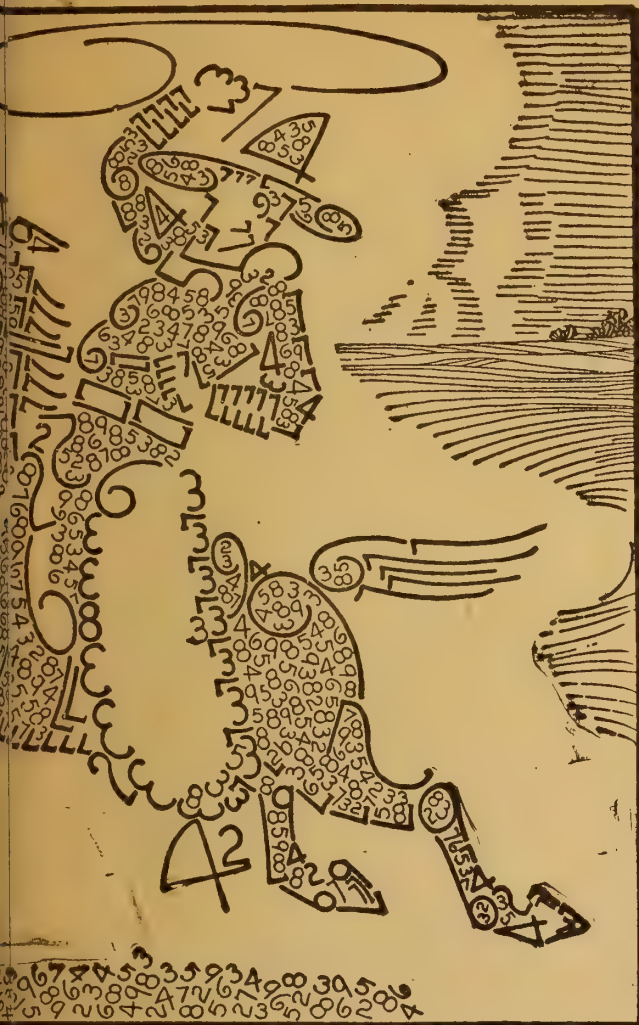
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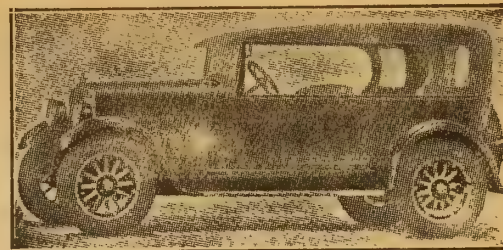
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9. Readers who give their subscription to some other contestant and later on want to send in an answer themselves, may do so, providing they write on the coupon the name of the person they paid their subscription to, also the amount paid. No further payment is necessary.

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## Importance of a Balanced Program for Junior Locals

We publish below two of a series of articles to be contributed by members of the Junior Executive and Directors, on various phases of Junior work.

One of the main reasons why some of the Junior Locals pass into obscurity is because of an unbalanced program. To function properly they must divide their time between work and play, not running to extremes either way.

### TASTES OF YOUNG PEOPLE DIFFER

We know that in every Local young people's tastes differ. Some like studying or what we understand as work, while others prefer parties, dances, games, etc., which make up the play. Then there is the third group who seeks the middle course, part work and part play. Generally this class is in the majority and I believe are quite the normal class. If Locals are carried on to suit them there will not be any great danger of them ceasing to function as Locals, because there are enough in each case to carry on providing the program is kept balanced.

I am not going to criticize very much the ones who prefer the work, for they have the intentions of making progress. If there are enough of them they could have a live Local, but with a select group. The mistake in this is that those who are more interested in lighter matters lose interest in the meetings and stop attending. Therefore the purpose of the Local would be defeated, for its aim is to gather all the farm young peo-

ple and educate them to the U. F. A. principles. All work, then, may cause the loss of some who might be drawn in and trained if taken the right way. I believe I may safely say few Locals are lost for that reason.

How many, though, if the truth was told, have become defunct because their only aim was to have a good time? More real pleasure in anything is derived if preparation has been made.

### DANGER OF DRIFTING

Preparation requires work, and if they are trying to avoid work or are not interested in it, they generally drift until their programs end up in dances, which require small brain effort and certainly do not stimulate brain development. Where there isn't this brain development they gradually drift into oblivion, and stay there, until some young Director, fresh from a June Conference, unearths them, reorganizes the same groups and prepares them for another slide.

I don't mean by this that holding a community dance occasionally is harmful to a Local, but they must guard against making dancing or parties their whole program.

It is too bad that groups of young people have done this very thing and reaped the harvest, when it might have been different if, when they organized they were warned that to make a success of their Locals they needed a drawn up program with a great deal of attention at that time given to seeing that work and play were given their proper places.

ADA CARSON,

Director for East and West Edmonton.

portant. Our vocation is our calling in life or the thing which we fit ourselves for. The farmers' vocation is agriculture. This one should be looked on with pride, because it is the oldest and best and most necessary of all occupations.

III. Economics. This is studied because of its importance. It is a study of how a person may save in his or her work and in working materials and yet have things done well and clean.

IV. Social. This, besides being one part of the four-fold plan, is also the fourth big aim which is carried out. It is the most valuable in the life of the community. This consists not purely of recreation, but also of educational items. The socials which are held develop a spirit of friendliness and sportsmanship in the communities, between communities which make up the nations, and between nations which make up the world.

GRETA VANE,  
Director for Acadia.

### TO ORGANIZE AT MIDNAPORE

For the purpose of organizing a U. F. W. A. Local a meeting will be held on January 6th, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. M. Shaw, Midnapore. Everyone interested is invited.

### GIVE \$50 TO COST OF HALL

Holborn U. F. W. A. Local have given \$50 towards the Holborn U. F. A. Hall.

A combined card party, radio concert and guessing contest held recently added \$35 to the treasury.

### THE CRISIS IN CHINA (Ottawa Citizen)

There will be much talk of lack of central government, of chaos and uprisings and of military potentates and of the necessity of "firm action" in China before the true facts regarding the current crisis become known to the Western world. But there emerges from the present obscurity one plain truth. Behind all the strikes and boycotts and uprisings is the unanimous determination on the part of the Chinese people, high and low, to throw off the domination of foreigners and to restore her lost rights.

It has been said that the present is the "gravest crisis since the Boxer rebellion". That may well be. But things have profoundly changed in China in thirty years. Disunion may prevail among ambitious political militarists and disruption may characterize China's national government. But towards the continued dictatorial attitude of the foreigners, China is impressively unanimous.

And is it much to be wondered at? Last year many startling facts regarding the treaty and customs situations were brought forth following the Shanghai troubles. Unbiased observers agreed that the Chinese people had very good cause to complain. The conditions continue. The Western powers still exercise the extraordinary "right" not only of collecting China's customs and duties for her but also of fixing the customs at low and uniform rates. And they still have extra-territorial privileges that no other country would tolerate. It is true that these rights are established by treaty, but they were made fifty or sixty years

## The Junior U.F.A. and Its Aims

The Junior U. F. A. organization, as you may know by its name, is a Junior branch of the greater organizations of the senior U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. It is one of the most helpful organizations known today, and we, the Junior farmers and farmerettes of Alberta hope in years to come that it will make as much progress as it has in the last five or six years.

This organization is not a meeting just to give the young people a good time or for a pastime, but it is an organization which tries to develop a young boy or girl into a good citizen. Although the aims, which are carried out almost to the fullest extent, are numerous, they may be classed into four main classes:

1. Leadership. First of all the young boy or girl, man or woman, is trained for leadership. This is carried out by the filling of the different offices which may be changed at least twice a year. True leadership is the development of the talents so as to be able to use them

to the best advantage in society.

2. Citizenship. The young people in attending the meetings are trained to think and speak more clearly and logically on the different subjects brought up for discussion. Not only this, but in trying to better the community they realize the needs of the world, and learn how to meet them. Also the growth and the changes of the Government and the progress of the country are studied.

3. Four-fold Plan. This four-fold plan is carried out in the meeting. Usually one meeting is devoted to one plan, the next to another plan, and so on.

I. Education. The first one which stands out most prominent is the educational. Education does not apply only to the amount of schooling a person gets, but he has to learn to manage the business about the farm if that is his vocation or occupation. He has also to learn to work together with members of a group for the betterment of the community.

II. Vocation. This is also very im-



ago, and the powers have turned deaf ears to pleas that they be amended.

Now China says she will abrogate the treaties. She has begun with Belgium. The treaty with that nation has been declared void. She is unanimous in demanding an end to the old conditions. If strife arises, the powers will be as much to blame as China, for as long ago as 1920 the Western nations solemnly undertook to adjust matters. They have not adjusted them. Is it any wonder that China shows signs of becoming impatient?

## Rules Discriminate Against Co-op. Assn.

Classed as "Consumers" Under Tariff Act, These Associations Are Placed Under Heavy Handicaps

Vimy Ridge U. F. A. Local wish to bring to the attention of readers of "The U. F. A." the speech delivered in the House of Commons in January last by John Evans, M.P., on the administration of the Tariff Act. The regulations governing administration, he says, have the effect of discriminating against co-operative associations. Various discounts are deducted from prices of imports to large dealers, jobbers and department stores, thus greatly reducing the duty in these cases, while individual consumers must pay the full rate, no matter what discount is actually being allowed.

Under the rules of the department, says Mr. Evans, "no co-operative company can get a better standing than a consumer and must pay duty on the consumer's price. It does not matter what line of business a co-operative company may carry on, or the extent of its buying and selling, it is still a consumer. It does not matter at what price it may buy its goods in a foreign country, the value set by the customs appraiser in this country is the value which the Canadian combine controlling that particular line says that it ought to be. . . This is what has crippled the co-operative companies in Canada. They are compelled to go abroad for their goods, and they are subject to the Dumping Act. The co-operative company being classed as a consumer has to pay, under the Dumping Act, a duty equal to all the profits of the other classes above him, the retailer, the wholesaler, the dealer, the jobber and the manufacturer, as well as the difference in price between what the foreign manufacturer charges and what the Canadian manufacturer says it ought to be. . .

"It was not until 1922 that it completely covered every line of merchandise that the consumer needs, even to his daily bread. That amendment passed this House by the combined strength of the Liberal and Conservative parties, against the solid vote of the Progressives."

### TAX ON WOLVES

Conforming to the practice adopted in other Western Provinces, the Alberta Provincial Game Department has now decided to add to the list of fur-bearing animals on which a tax must be paid, the wolves of the Province. These include the timber wolf, the grey wolf, and the prairie wolf or coyote, for all of which pelts, in future, a tax of 25 cents must be paid.

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# THE HISTORY OF THE ROCHDALE EQUITABLE PIONEERS' SOCIETY

How a Small Group of Lancashire Weavers Who Were Unemployed Laid the Foundations of the Great Co-operative Institutions of Britain

By GEORGE H. HOLYOAKE

Human nature must be different in Rochdale from what it is elsewhere. There must have been a special creation of mechanics in this inexplicable district of Lancashire, for they have "taken their own affairs into their own hands," and what is more to the purpose, they have kept them in their own hands.

## UNEMPLOYED WEAVERS AT HISTORIC MEETING

At the close of the year 1843, a few poor weavers out of employ, and nearly out of food, and quite out of heart with the social state, met together to discover what they could do to better their industrial condition. Manufacturers had capital, and shopkeepers the advantage of stock; how could they succeed without either? Should they avail themselves of the poor law? that were dependence; of emigration? that seemed like transportation for the crime of having been born poor. What should they do? They would commence the battle of life on their own account. They would, as far as they were concerned, supersede tradesmen, millowners and capitalists. Without experience, or knowledge, or funds, they would turn merchants and manufacturers.

## A MIRACLE OF BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT

The subscription list was handed round. The stock exchange would not think much of the result. A dozen of these lilliputian capitalists put down a weekly subscription of twopence (4c), a sum which these Rochdale Rothchilds did not know how to pay. After fifty-two "calls" had been made upon these magnificent shareholders, they would not have enough in their bank to buy a sack of oatmeal with; yet these poor men now own their own mills and warehouses, with a turnover of several million pounds a year.

At length the formidable sum of twenty-eight pounds (\$140), was accumulated and with this capital the new world that was to be was commenced. A ground-floor warehouse in the now famous Toad Lane, Rochdale, was the place chosen in which to open the first store. On the 21st of December, 1844, the "Equitable Pioneers" commenced business. It had got wind amongst the tradesmen of the town that these competitors were in the field, and many a curious eye was that day turned up Toad Lane, looking for the appearance of the enemy, but they were rather shy of appearing.

## FEARFUL TO TAKE DOWN THE SHUTTERS

A few of the Co-operators had clandestinely assembled to witness their own denouement, and there they stood in that dismal lower room of the warehouse, debating on whom should devolve the temerity of taking down the shutters and displaying their humble preparations.

The inspiring story of the birth of the great consumers' co-operative movement based on the "Rochdale" plan is told below by George H. Holyoake.

In almost every part of the Anglo-Saxon world where consumer co-operation has become firmly established, and in many other countries, the principles first adopted by the little band of unemployed and practically destitute Rochdale weavers, are now being followed.

Mr. Holyoake's article is published in behalf of the Alberta Co-operative League, of which T. Swindlehurst of Edgerton, Alta., is secretary. Mr. Swindlehurst will be pleased to furnish information upon the purposes of the league to any of our readers who may be interested.

One did not like to do it and another did not like to be seen in the shop when it was done. However, having gone so far there was no choice but to go further, and at length one bold fellow, utterly reckless of consequences, rushed at the shutters, and in a few minutes Toad Lane was in a titter. At last the store is open for business, with its scanty supply of butter, oatmeal, etc.

## FIRST STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The first laws set down by the Pioneers as a statement of their objects and plans, were as follows:

"The objects of the Society are to form arrangements for the pecuniary benefit and improvement of the social and domestic condition of its members, by raising a sufficient amount of capital, in shares of one pound each, to bring into

## OFFER PRIZES FOR BEST ARTICLES ON CO-OPERATION FROM CONSUMERS' STANDPOINT

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

A series of articles have been published on the work of the Consumers' Co-operative movement by the managers affiliated to the Alberta Co-operative League.

Now we wish to learn what the consumers think about their movement, giving their viewpoint on how to create a greater interest, and strengthen this side of co-operation.

The League offers three prizes of the value of \$5, \$3 and \$2 for the three best articles sent in, the editor of "The U. F. A." to be the judge.

"Let's go!"

Yours sincerely,

T. SWINDLEHURST,  
Secretary, Alberta Co-op. League.

operation the following plans and arrangements:

"The establishment of a store for the sale of provisions, clothing, etc.

"The building, purchasing or erecting a number of houses, in which those members desiring to assist each other, in improving their domestic and social condition, may reside.

"To commence the manufacture of such articles as the Society may determine upon, for the employment of such members as may be without employment, or who may be suffering in consequence of repeated reductions in their wages.

"As a further benefit and security to the members of this Society, the Society shall purchase or rent an estate or estates of land, which shall be cultivated by the members who may be out of employment or whose labor may be badly remunerated.

"That as soon as practicable, this Society shall proceed to arrange the powers of production, distribution, education and government; or in other words to establish a self-supporting home colony of united interests, or assist other societies in establishing such colonies.

"That for the promotion of sobriety a temperance hotel be opened in one of the society's houses as soon as convenient."

On fundamental questions of religion and politics the Pioneers established the following practice:

"Not to enquire into the political or religious opinions of those who apply for membership, with ours, or any of the various co-operative societies in our town."

## RULES FOR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

Even more than the acceptance of these main objects and rules of conduct, the points of organization most conducive to the permanent success of the Pioneers were those touching the regulation and conduct of business transactions which the Society laid down for itself, principally as follows:

"That capital shall be of their own providing and bear a fixed rate of interest.

"That only the purest provisions procurable should be supplied to members.

"That full weight and measure should be given.

"That market price should be charged, and no credit given nor asked.

"That profits should be divided pro rata upon the amount of purchases made by each member.

"That the principle of 'one member, one vote' should obtain in government, and the equality of the sexes in membership.

"That the management should be in the hands of officers, and committee elected periodically.

"That a definite percentage of profits should be allotted to education.

"That frequent statements and balance sheets should be presented to the members."



The plan of association adopted by the Rochdale Equitable Pioneers, by reason of its equity, its adaptability to co-operative transactions, and its almost immediate success, has become the distinguishing feature in the development of consumers' co-operation since 1844. A society following this plan, is said to be established under the "Rochdale system" and is accounted a genuine unit in the British co-operative movement only in so far as its rules and practices approximate to its model.

#### FREEDOM PRINCIPLE STOUTLY MAINTAINED

Some of the members felt it their duty to buy at the store whatever the store sold, and some, not content with this, sought to compel all members to become traders with the store, and James Daly, the then secretary, brought forward a resolution to the effect that those members who did not trade with the store should be paid out. Charles Howarth opposed this motion, on the ground that it would destroy the free action of the members. He desired co-operation to advance, he said; he would do all he could to promote it; that freedom was a principle which he liked absolutely, and rather than give it up, he would forego the advantages of co-operation.

It will be seen, as our little history progresses, that this love of principle has never died out, nor indeed, been impaired amid these resolute co-operators.

#### THE COST OF WAR

In the war of 1914-18 the killed numbered 9,743,914; wounded 20,927,459; missing (and not traced) 3,000,000.

The total monetary cost of the war was £70,000,000,000 (approximately \$350,000,000,000).

Great Britain is spending at present £470,600,000 per year for past, present and future wars; that is to say £10 per person each year is spent on war, or approximately £50 per family.

The total amount spent by this country (Great Britain) on armaments for the period 1919-1926 is £349,520,565.

The total amount spent on housing in the same period is £39,293,682. Forty-seven and a half times as much for war as for "homes for heroes".

The cost of world armaments, 1924, was \$580,000,000.—Birmingham (England) Town Crier.

#### PROVINCIAL SEED FAIR

The Annual Provincial Seed Fair and Convention of Alberta Seed Growers will be held in Edmonton, January 18th to 21st inclusive. The judging will take place the first day and exhibits will be open to the public the second day. On the third day there will be a public meeting at which addresses by prominent agriculturists will be given. On the last day the convention of the Seed Growers will be held. Entries for the fair close January 10th, at the office of W. J. Stephen, Field Crops Commissioner, Edmonton.

#### DAIRY COUNCIL TO MEET

A conference of the members of the Advisory Dairy Council will be called early next month by Hon. Geo. Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, to discuss important matters in connection with the dairy industry.



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# A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

By HUGH BAILEY THOMAS, Edgerton

Once again we approach with thanksgiving in our hearts that most blessed of all human celebrations—Christmas Day.

This is the occasion that has been honored by mankind for nineteen hundred and twenty-six years in commemoration of the great glory experienced by the Shepherd's Plain according to tradition. This is the day set apart with much feasting and merrymaking, when the hearth-blaze is a beacon all over the world, and home lives in the heart of every wanderer.

This is the time whose sacred dawn shines on a troubled world, even as the lighthouse or bell-buoy guides ships and passengers safely beyond the yawning reach of storm and treacherous headlands. Christmas morn will shed its bright radiance on laughing children and their elders, who doubtless will be carried back to childhood, when they too stood before the grand old tree and wondered what Santa Claus had brought them.

At the Christmas season men are reunited with the higher feelings of good-fellowship and kindness. For the spirit of Christmas is a feeling of good-will and a wish of happiness to mankind.

Unfortunately, in many cases laughter and tears will not be far apart, for we must not forget the sick and sore-afflicted of our land, in hospital and in home, especially the poor and the jobless who may be provided for by the Salvation Army and other charitable organizations.

They form a dark blot in an otherwise bright picture. "I wish we could have more Christmases," said Mayor Smith, of Detroit, at last year's yuletide celebration in that thriving metropolis, for nowhere on earth is Christmas more impressive than in the heart of a great city whose seething millions pause on the public square in silent tribute to the King of Kings and to listen to those sweet old carols as they fell from the lips of youthful choristers gathered before the gigantic municipal tree about twenty feet high.

I had the honor to be present then and will long remember that scene.

I returned to Alberta with a deeper and more abiding faith in U. F. A. principles and humanity than I ever had before.

Whatever else we may think about Jesus of Nazareth, no person who takes pride in himself or herself as an intelligent being can deny successfully for even a moment that He is the supreme Teacher of the race, because as Rabbi Wise, of New York, says, "Christ's teachings comprise a code of ethics unparalleled in any writings in history, being the very foundations of morality."

To the ruling classes of his day He was an agitator and a public nuisance; hence His death by crucifixion. To the common people He was a friend and the shadow of a "great rock in a weary land." "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

We need a race today gifted with higher vision and a new code of honor based upon tolerance, equity and worldwide brotherhood through co-operation.

The dream of a Great Society is one of the finest aspirations of our race, for only through service to others can man's individual and social efforts find their way to fruitful culmination.

With due respect to the labors of those who have tried, and are still trying, to banish war from our midst through the League of Nations, I do not hesitate to say that the only true road to the peace which passeth all understanding lies in the whole-hearted and ceaseless vigilance imposed upon us by that state or order which men call liberty. Just so long as we mistrust, oppose and hate each other internally through the party system will international conflict be possible and loom as a constant, bloody menace to all nations and conditions of men.

We of the U. F. A. believe that evil spirit can best be combated and all of our legitimate rights secured through the group organization plan. Let us make of Christmas then a moment of solemn re-dedication to the principles which gave our movement birth, and I trust that we shall at all times pay strict attention to fundamentals and not become mere creed or rite worshippers lest our movement perish and our usefulness as a force for moral righteousness be destroyed.

## Montreal Campaign Against Income Tax

Eastern Paper Appears to Think Farmers Have No Right to Criticize Tax  
Many of Them Don't Pay—  
Why They Don't

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

The Montreal Standard is a paper usually filled with bunk and scandals from beginning to end and sells only on account of its funny pictures. It says, editorially, under the headline, "The Council Has Fears," in a recent issue:

"The Council of Agriculture, a prairie farmers' Sanhedrin, met the other day in Winnipeg and passed a resolution against any further reduction in the Federal income tax for fear of its effect on the tariff. It is well known that the farmers of Canada pay less income tax than any other class of citizens. The majority do not pay any income tax at all, and refuse to keep the little book with which a paternal Government supplies them to keep track of their incomes and expenditure. They reason with a certain cogency not unmixed with caution, that they are farmers, not book-keepers."

Space does not permit quoting the whole editorial, but the editor looks forward to the day when both the income and sales tax will be abolished and the "handcuffs" struck off industry, and if the Council of Agriculture took better care of their plows and harrows and put them under cover for the winter they would last longer, he says.

**WOULD GLADLY PAY  
IF THEY HAD INCOME**

Yes, it is true that the majority of farmers

pay no income tax; and why? Because they have little or no income. Most farmers would gladly pay income tax if conditions were such that they derived a good income from their work on the farms.

During a governmental investigation into farm conditions in Saskatchewan three years ago it was found that there was an average debt against every half section in that Province of \$5000, as follows: To retail merchants, \$100,000,000; Saskatchewan Loan Association, \$125,000,000; municipalities, \$11,047,450; Farm Loan Board, \$9,000,000; implement companies, \$40,000,000.

In Alberta out of 200 farms investigated, only seven were free from mortgages. The balance had from one to three mortgages against them.

It is no wonder that farmers get in debt when between the close of the war and 1923 the value of farm products only increased 12 per cent., when everything the farmer had to buy increased over 100 per cent. It is true that owing to better crops the last two years and the higher price obtained for wheat since the Pool was organized, the farmers in the wheat belt have gained a little, and it is true that a small percentage of farmers in Western Canada are fairly well off and pay income tax. But it is also true, that the big majority are still heavily in debt, that after paying out of the crop the usurious rates for loans demanded by the banks and paying the ever-increasing prices for farm implements, they have little or nothing to live on.

It might be a surprise to many non-farmers if they knew, to learn the great percentage of farmers working under the debt adjustment bureau, and how many farms are actually run by the banks and mortgage companies where the farmer is nothing but the hired foreman or actual farm servant of the banks and mortgage companies, and whether the farmer keeps books or not, would not change these conditions.

It is also true that farmers leave their implements out over the winter. Most farmers would gladly erect an implement shed if they could afford it, but the increase in the price of lumber by the lumber trust makes this impossible. It was shown at the above mentioned investigation that the price of lumber in 1914 was \$35 per thousand feet, while in 1923 it was \$85, an increase of 157 per cent., and cement had gone up from \$1.52½ per barrel to \$3.69 during the same period.

I do not always agree with the Council of Agriculture and oftentimes have I felt like criticizing them, but in this case the Council is right, and it upholds the interest of the class it represents—the farmers. Let the big interests, the men who make enormous profits from the farmer, pay some of their incomes into the coffers of the Government, and let the Standard howl about the woes of the class it represents—the moneyed interests.

JOHN GLAMBECK.

Milo, Alta.

## SEED OATS

Farmers are again advised to apply for what seed oats they will need, to their local elevators. Those desiring registered seed oats should apply to the Government Seed Cleaning Plant at Edmonton.



## Suggests University Give Course for Co-op. Managers

G. Christie Believes Thorough Training  
and Understanding of Principles  
Necessary to Successful  
Management

Editor, "The U. F. A.":

Dear Sir: I wish to throw out a suggestion. The co-operative movement in Alberta is our greatest hope and chief means of progress. Men of co-operative training are in demand to save our experiments from failure. The University of Alberta exists to give direction to our social efforts and to train men for the higher public service. It could help the cause of co-operation by instituting a short course for the training of co-operative managers. It could grant a diploma to those qualifying which would serve as a guarantee of this very special capacity. Further, it could form some sort of bureau which would deal with applications for managers, receiving reports concerning those employed and basing its recommendations accordingly. An incitement to excellence would thus be created.

This is a very rough outline of the idea. If it appears to be worth anything make whatever use of it you think fit.

I have in mind chiefly some languishing farmers' stores scattered over the country, which are in real danger of failure owing chiefly to lack of trained co-operative management (distinct from what is called business ability).

Yours very truly,  
G. CHRISTIE.

Eckville.

### HOME-MAKING

"Home-making today not only means a selection of material equipment but of a great number of useless and useful articles, but it means for the thoughtful woman rather careful selection of the club work and civic responsibilities.

"The home-maker of today wants all that is best in the old colonial home translated into terms of present-day usefulness. She needs all that science, art and industry can contribute for she must compete with movie, dance-hall and pool room, in the making of her home interesting and attractive, as well as a place to live in.

"It took fifty years to secure women's suffrage. How long will it take for men and women to use it for the good of the world, we cannot say, but we believe that there will be homes and home-making as long as men and women are upon the earth. Machinery and education and politics are useful, but love, truth and righteousness are the foundations of both home and national life."—Ruby M. Lewin in Western Producer.

### FINANCIAL STANDING NEVER SO STRONG

"We look to the future with hope and confidence," writes the secretary of Clyde Local, J. A. Nichols, "as we know that one day our efforts will be rewarded. Our membership is slowly increasing, and the Local has come through the year in a very satisfactory condition, in fact our financial standing has never been so strong."

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By J. P. WARBASSE, in "Co-operation"

Amidst the flashing of lightning and the roaring of thunder, the crashing of rocks and the tossing of the sea, when no eye saw nor ear heard, the earth threw itself into folds four thousand feet high along the whole western coast of the Scandinavian Peninsula. A rugged land was built which was destined to breed a rugged people. Norway has a coast line, two thousand miles long with six thousand islands strewn upon it like a festoon of beads of malachite.

## HEADS STEADY AND STEP SURE

Now peace abounds. A race now wins its livelihood out of the patches of fertile land among these mountain slopes, from the sea which pushes ten thousand crevices deep into the land, and from the richer timber—the spruce and the birch—which cover the mountain sides with a foliage both rich and glorious. Among these fjords live the sea-faring and mountain-daring Norwegians. Their heads are steady and their step sure. They think slowly and act carefully. Of all the peoples in the world Norway produces the best sailors to navigate the sea and the best ski runners to navigate the mountain passes. For eight months of the year much of the country lies under a blanket of snow. But neither height nor depth nor wind nor weather stays these people from their wonted paths. From the little farms high up on the mountain slopes, with rocks and chasms on every side, they come and go as freely as the birds of the air or the fishes in the caverns of the sea. They have harnessed the mountain torrents to their turbine wheels and converted the melting snow into electric current which shoots light and power into the remotest of their turf-roofed homes. Even the cow-stall and pig-pen are not denied electric lights.

Norway is not a land of towns and cities, it is a land of scattered folks. Two paths lead from every house—one to the nearest neighbors and one to the nearest village. Sometimes it is difficult for the eye to trace them—winding up and down and in and out—but they are there. And they bind the people together like a great fabric—this warp and woof of communications. Neighbor helps neighbor. They lend a hand when a hand is needed. And with the hard circumstances of nature, and with the newer difficulties of economic life, these people have learned that the problem of each is his neighbor's problem also, and his neighbor's problem is his problem.

## TAKES ROOT AS NATURALLY AS SPRUCE TREES

The idea of mutual aid takes root in Norway as naturally as do the spruce trees that stand on all its mountain heights. From time beyond memory they experimented with co-operative organization. Then one of their strong men

went to England and lit a torch at the Rochdale altar and brought it back to Norway. It has never gone out. This was thirty years ago. Society after society was established. These united in 1906 to form the Norwegian Co-operative Union. It prospered. In 1911 it established its first productive plant—the margarine factory at Bergen, which in 1923 manufactured 2,500,000 pounds of margarine.

Then, in 1914, came the tobacco factory. Now all the private stores, as well as the co-operatives in Christiania have to carry co-operative tobacco because the smokers demand it. The tobacco factory is such an excellent plant that the government uses it as a standard. They send their inspectors to study it and its administration as a basis for their inspection of private factories. Then came the co-operative life insurance society, "Samvike." To insure the people's lives naturally followed the great increase in tobacco consumption! In 1923 it had in force 5,800 policies of insurance amounting to 63,000,000 crowns. The soap factory and other productive enterprises followed.

## HAS TOTAL OF 97,000 MEMBERS

Now the union embraces 416 societies, with 97,000 members, a yearly turnover of 24,000,000 crowns, and capital of 15,000,000 crowns. One twelfth of the imports of sugar, coffee and groceries of the whole of Norway are carried on by this organization. It publishes two periodicals—one technical, and one for general education and propaganda which is issued in an edition of 73,000. The members are loyal. The average purchases per member amount to 1,130 crowns a year. The turnover of the 416 distributive societies in 1923 was 109,000,000 crowns; surplus savings 5,000,000; and their total capital 18,000,000 crowns. These societies themselves, independent of the union, have some 90 productive plants, including bakeries, slaughter houses, meat packing, shoe repairing shops, mills, etc.

Watching and guiding this movement is the president of the Union, Andr. Juell. When he goes from Christiania to visit the societies he must take a long farewell of his wife and daughter. The farthest society is a seven days' journey, far up within the Arctic Circle. He could make the journey to America quicker. This Norway has a population of only eight people to the square kilometer; Sweden has fourteen; Denmark has seventy-six. Neighbors in Norway are few and far between.

To take an example of a single society, the largest society is the distributive society of Christiania, founded in 1894. It has now 7,502 members, a turnover of 9,000,000 crowns a year, and pays a savings return of 4 per cent. It has 23

stores, a bakery, a sausage factory, and a shoe repairing shop. It turns over its capital twenty-six times a year. This rapid turnover is because the Wholesale Department of the Union has warehouses in the city which can deliver supplies promptly and consequently no store need load its shelves with a large stock of goods. The turnover of the wholesale, on the other hand, is only seven and a half times a year.

## WELL ORGANIZED, CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE

A beautiful suburban society is the Ullevaal Garden Village, just on the edge of Christiania. This co-operative society has 620 members. The turnover was 1,175,000 crowns in 1923. Its stores are well organized, clean and attractive. Its housing department has 620 members. A new central building with a central refrigerating plant contains the meat market and food store. The architecture and the whole landscape layout are quite charming.

Up at the head of each fjord is a little village nestled among the snow-covered mountains. There is found a co-operative society with its store, creamery and the co-operative bank. Here is Sandene on the North Fjord. The society has 350 members. The population of the town is 500—a pretty big town for Norway. The membership includes many farmers outside of the town. The store sells literally everything. It has just bought a piece of land for 40,000 crowns where it will put up a new store building. Almost every working man belongs. The hotel keeper whose hotel is next to the store, is a member. His is the largest patronage of all the countryside. The manager of the store gets 5000 crowns a year salary (a crown is about 14 cents). The clerks average about 2500 crowns. This is pretty good pay in proportion to the cost of living. The society returned 10 per cent. savings to its members in 1923. There are lots of things that are cheap in Sandene—but nothing cheaper than electricity. The store pays 70 crowns per year for 1000 kilowatt hours. That is so cheap that electricity is used for light, for heat in winter, for cooking, and for hot water and making steam. All of this heat is created from the melting snow of the mountains.

## RUGGED, SUBSTANTIAL LOYALTY

The characteristic of the Norwegian Co-operative movement is uniformity and rugged, substantial loyalty. A group of people who plan a society get from the central union a model constitution. They adopt it and abide by its provisions. They just naturally keep loyal. Everywhere societies are developing. The islands as well as the valleys are dotted with them. The movement goes ahead slowly. But what the Norwegians are building is substantial and enduring.



## Trelle Honored on Victorious Return From Chicago Show

Winner of Championships Receives Honorarium From Department of Agriculture—List of Alberta Winners

Special honors have been given to Herman Trelle, winner of the sweepstakes in both wheat and oats at the Chicago International show this year.

The Alberta Department of Agriculture has granted him an honorarium of \$500 for his victory in both wheat and oats, this being in line with the policy of the Department in honoring those who win championships from this Province at the International. J. T. Hill, of Lloydminster, wins the Department's honorarium of \$100 for first prize at Chicago in field peas. There is no sweepstakes in this class.

A complimentary luncheon was tendered Mr. Trelle on his return from Chicago by the Edmonton Board of Trade. At this representatives of the Edmonton Board, the Government and the University extended official congratulations to the wheat king.

### WINNERS IN SEED GRAIN

The complete list of Alberta winners in seed grains at Chicago is as follows:

Hard red spring wheat: 1st and championship, Herman Trelle, Wembley; 12th R. A. Meeks Mannville; 14th, Grenville & Shearer, Morrin; 23rd, J. A. Hannaford, Howie.

Oats: 1st and championship, Herman Trelle, Wembley; 13th, Richard Harrison, Ohaton; 16th, A. Loughheed, Bowden; 18th, E. B. Tudor, Strathmore.

Two-rowed barley: 13th E. B. Tudor, Strathmore.

Flax: 10th: A. Loughheed, Bowden; 12th, Foote, Ranier.

Timothy: 3rd, Robt. Cochrane, Grande Prairie; 12th, A. Loughheed, Bowden.

Field Peas: 1st, J. T. Hill, Lloydminster; 3rd, H. G. L. Strange, Fenn; 4th, Mrs. M. Graham, Riverton.

The official weight of the wheat on which Mr. Trelle won the world's championship was 65.6 lbs. per bushel, by American standard, and the weight of the oats was 49.1 lbs. per bushel.

### ALBERTA POULTRY TO THE FRONT

Alberta poultry came well to the front at the recent Royal Show at Toronto, when 16 exhibitors from Alberta, with less than 100 birds, captured a total of 56 prizes.

At the World's Poultry Congress, to be held in Ottawa next July, this Province will be well represented, with some 250 birds to be exhibited. It is announced by Hon. Geo. Hoadley, Minister of Agriculture, that the Province will pay the transportation on the birds which will be selected by the Alberta committee to go to the congress exhibition.

It is expected that some 38 countries will be represented at the congress, 22 of whom will have special exhibits. The American delegation alone is expected to number 5,000.

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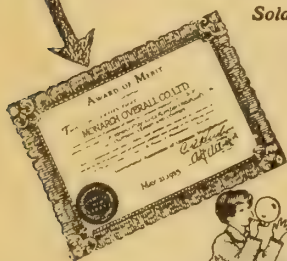
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## News from the Head Office of the Alberta Livestock Pool

### Ottawa Gives Undertaking to Amend Regulations to Provide for Pool Marketing

Members of Co-operative Shipping Associations Should Study Act Carefully in Order That Their Case May Be Presented to Best Advantage—How Livestock Pool Policy Is Determined—Board Composed of Pool's Opposition Not Needed to Perform "Service" for the Pool

November was the biggest month the Alberta Livestock Pool has yet had. The selling agency of the Pool, the U. L. G., handled over a thousand carloads of stock during the month. This was not only the greatest volume in the Pool's history, but it marked a substantial increase in the percentage of stock handled through the yards.

Now that the Dominion Department of Agriculture has brought down its finding upon the investigation into the affairs of the United Livestock Growers, and the Calgary Live Stock Exchange has fined the U. L. G. \$250 for thwarting their authority by not conforming to their by-laws, the shippers of livestock, and especially Pool members, should consider very carefully what this means, and what the effect is going to be on the price of their stock.

#### RULES CAN HAMPER PRODUCERS' ORGANIZATION

Every interference, restriction or hampering in any way of the natural flow of stock to the consumer is bound to react on the price, and exchange restrictions which are in reality to protect the dealers in the market in the carrying out of their business for their own profit, can very readily be used to hamper a producers' organization.

The Livestock Pool, whose policy is laid down by properly elected delegates in convention, whose administration is in the hands of an elected board, and all of whose transactions and records are open to the Pool membership for scrutiny at any time, gives the fullest measure of protection to the members. The U.L.G., in handling Pool stock, follows instructions from the Pool Board as to policy, and all details of the business are open to the Pool Board. Any individual shipper in fact can have access to the books as far as they affect any transaction concerning their own stock.

#### DON'T NEED THE SERVICE FROM OUR OPPOSITION

As a matter of fact the Pool has a representative connected with each Alberta stockyard to look after the interests of Pool members and trace down shipments for members, giving full information where any case of misunderstanding arises, and correcting any errors that may have occurred in mere routine business. We do not need a board composed of our opposition to perform that service for us.

The Minister of Agriculture at Ottawa has given his undertaking to amend the regulations under the act, and the ex-

change by-laws, to provide adequately for co-operative and Pool marketing. Boards of Co-operative Shipping Associations should study very carefully the exchange by-laws, as well as the Live Stock and Live Stock Products Act and the regulations thereunder, so that when the proper time comes the producers' case can be put before the Minister, and we can get proper changes made to safeguard the interests of the producers.

#### LIVESTOCK POOL NOTES

It looks as though the drovers are inaugurating a co-operative system of their own, in imitation of the Livestock Pool. Merner, a drover working through Swift this week offered the producers at Ponoka a cash payment, with a dividend equal to the Pool payment when the Pool hogs were sold. The competition of Merner has been very keen at Ponoka, and he finally reached his limit when he started paying dividends to bring his payment equal to the Pool price when it was established for the week.

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The Livestock Pool last week established an agency in Lethbridge, with W. C. McKenzie of the Southern Alberta Co-operative Association, in charge. The purpose of this agency is to concentrate the southern stock, and route it either to the United States, the Pacific Coast, or to Winnipeg or Calgary. This system will enable the stock to be sold to the best advantage, and with the least amount of expense. By this arrangement, the Pool has brought Pool service to the last portion of the Province which remained to be served. Organization work is now commencing in the Cardston district, and all districts tributary to Lethbridge will be brought in as soon as possible.

"In hell all is self-righteousness."—  
William Blake.

#### ST. ALBERT APPEALS FOR HELP —MUST RAISE \$3,500

As has been announced in the daily press, the Appeal Court has reversed the decision of Chief Justice Simmons in the St. Albert election case. L. Boudreau, Liberal candidate, has been reinstated, and the entire costs assessed by the Court against L. Normandeau, the U. F. A. candidate who petitioned against the election result. As a result the St. Albert U. F. A. Provincial Constituency Association will have to raise about \$3,500, and they are making an urgent appeal to all members throughout the Province to assist in the raising of this money. A fund is being started at Central Office, Calgary, where subscriptions should be sent.



## NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

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Association. Ernest Bennion, president of the association, and James Glenn, secretary, are now completing the necessary arrangements. They expect to announce in our next issue the place at which their convention will be held.

YOU SEE MORE OF THE GAME FROM  
THE BLEACHERS THAN FROM  
THE DIAMOND

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right thing, but first GET THE MONEY TO BUY WITH. This method of selling unquestionably gets you the better market, and does it not make a man more independent, when he has not to rush his grain off to the elevator and take what price is offered him, not what the grain is worth?

Let me stress this point: YOUR INDEPENDENCE WILL BE COMMENSURATE WITH YOUR SELLING POWER—YOUR SELLING POWER DEPENDS ENTIRELY ON YOUR HANGING TOGETHER.

In the smaller towns the business man realizes the importance of the Pool money. It is no longer necessary to give the extended credits. Why do machine companies get more cash today on their sales? Why are back debts well taken care of? It is merely because more wheat money has been available.

ALL GREAT REFORMS  
TOOK TIME

All our great reforms took time. Our ancestors were hard to convince—were too conservative. The Wheat Pool had its critics, but it has come to stay. It is one of the institutions that will make Western Canada. All honor to President Wood and his able associates. They have brought order out of chaos. They are sure "fast workers," and from the point of view of the man in the street, the farmer must get behind them—"Get into the game with all your might; With your head, your heart and your soul. Get into the game with the will to fight Your way to the far-off goal."

FARMER MOST POWERFUL  
FACTOR IN CANADA

In the past the farmer tried to breast the waves of adversity—"all alone." He soon became a negligible factor in the community, while today he is the most powerful factor in Canada. This will continue only so long as he co-operates with those movements that will be for his benefit. Education gives Wisdom, but Riches give Power.

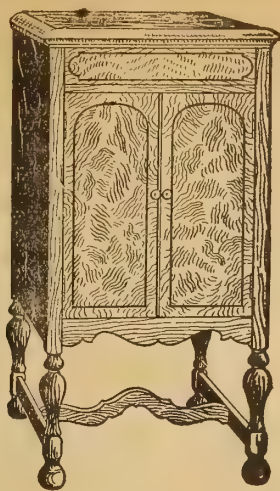
The above is intended as a Christmas wish for the farmer, with the added hope that the New Year will bring into the Wheat Pool those who, for reasons best known to themselves, have either deserted its ranks, or never enlisted. To both of these I would earnestly say "Get in."

"It's today that I am livin',  
Not a month ago!  
Havin', losin', takin', givin',  
As time wills it so.  
Yesterday a cloud of sorrow  
Fell across the way.  
It may rain again tomorrow;  
It may rain, but say,  
Ain't it fine today?"

IF EVERY MEMBER WOULD  
BRING IN TWO

It does no harm, as Burns says, "to see ourselves as others see us." The writer is converted to the Wheat Pool. As a business man he has come to realize now its necessity, that if it fails to continue to function, it is because those to whom it is an immediate benefit are becoming listless, and are blind to the ultimate value of co-operation. If every member would undertake to bring in two more, what a live organization there would be, what a power for good it would be in this great West, where only the best can survive.

That the Wheat Pool movement should be brought to fruition is sure a tribute to President Wood.



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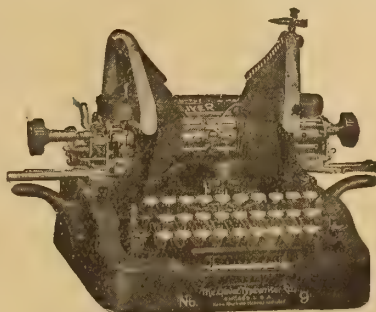
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exploiters have no economic or political interest in common. There can be no harmony nor general well-being so long as comfort and economic security are lacking amongst the wealth producers, and a few exploiters own and control the natural resources, public utilities, banking and credit, and other things essential to the producers' welfare and a truly modern civilization.

To overcome these conditions the agricultural producers must organize industrial co-operative marketing, purchasing associations, and through educational methods and united action secure collective control of the land and those industries or branches thereof through which agricultural products are handled, finished, and marketed.

To accomplish this the agricultural producers must amalgamate and departmentalize all industrial, commercial, and political activities on national and whenever necessary on international basis; furthermore we must through united strength and centralized control, make common effort towards securing political power to supplement our industrial and commercial undertakings.

By organizing industrially and commercially we are as producers forming the foundation, and through political action the superstructure, of a co-operative system of production and exchange for use based on material rights and duties, producers control and equal opportunities for all.

With this object we unite under the following constitution:—Empress Provincial C. A.

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP TICKET

Resolved, that we adopt the system of a family membership ticket for U. F. A. dues of \$5.00.—Craigmyle D. A.

### REPORTS ON CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

Resolved, that "The U. F. A." issue annual report of resolutions put before the Annual Convention, showing what has been done with each one and this report be sent back to the Locals with list of resolutions for the Annual Convention, for the consideration of the Locals before each succeeding Convention.—Craigmyle D. A.

### CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

Whereas, the time of the Annual Convention does not always allow for the consideration of all resolutions appearing on the printed programs;

Be it resolved, that resolutions sent by Locals to the Board be not considered until all others have been dealt with.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

### PRINTING LITERATURE IN UKRAINIAN

Whereas, many members of the U. F. A. and U. F. W. A. are Ukrainians who are unable to understand English;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Central Office be required to have U. F. A. organization propaganda and other U. F. A. educational and instructive literature printed in the "Farmers' Life" of Winnipeg, Canada, and distributed among the Ukrainians.—Athabasca Federal Assn.



### SELF-REGISTERING SCALES AT ELEVATORS

Resolved, that we demand that all grain elevators be equipped with automatic self-registering scales and that our Federal members be asked to take this question up with the proper authorities at Ottawa.—Craigmyle D. A.

### SAMPLE WHEAT GRADED AND CERTIFICATE FOR SHIPPER

Resolved, that a copy of the wheat grading certificate should be forwarded to the shipper, also sample of wheat graded, direct from Inspection Department.—Craigmyle D. A.

### LOCAL OPTION AREAS

Resolved, that the Local Option area in Alberta be enlarged.—Alexandra Provincial C. A.

### LEGAL PRACTITIONERS HANDLING TRUST FUNDS

Whereas, barristers and solicitors are from time to time called upon to administer estates and make collection of monies which are held in trust for indefinite periods, and,

Whereas, it is a frequent occurrence that the trust funds are not available to the parties they are held in trust for;

Therefore be it resolved, that every legal practitioner who is to handle trust funds be required to take out a bond for a substantial amount with a trust or guarantee company.—Craigmyle D. A.

### PERSONAL COVENANT

Resolved, that this Convention go on record as being opposed to the restoration of the personal covenant in mortgage legislation.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

### BOUNTY ON CROWS

Resolved, that this Convention go on record as favoring an act by the Government to pay a bounty on crows.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

### C. N. R. CALGARY TO EDMONTON

Whereas, our Provincial Government chartered, bonded and borrowed funds for the construction of the Canadian Northern branch line from Calgary to Edmonton, and,

Whereas, the Federal Government in taking over the Canadian National system assumed these obligations;

Therefore be it resolved, that we ask our Provincial Government to urge the Federal Government for an early completion of the same.—Didsbury U. F. A. and U.F.W.A. D. A.

### LEGISLATION TO PREVENT DAMAGE TO ROADS

Whereas, the use of spade lugs and angle iron lugs on tractors is very damaging to roads, especially when the tractors are used for heavy commercial hauling;

Be it resolved, that legislation be introduced by the Provincial Government to prevent roads being so damaged.—Pembina Provincial C. A.

### AMENDMENT LAND TITLES ACT

Resolved, that the Provincial Government be requested to so amend the Land Titles Act to make it compulsory for the creditor to describe the property against which the caveat is being filed, and;

Further, that notice of such caveat be sent to owners of property.—Athabasca Federal C. A.

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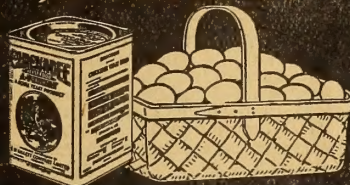
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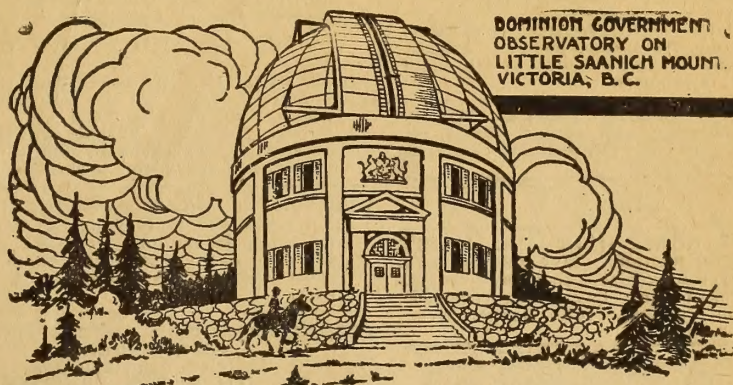
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## CALL TO THE NINETEENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

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shall estimate as nearly as possible the average railway fare in advance and advise all Locals of same, and all delegates whose round trip fares are less than this average shall be required at the time of registration to pay into the Pool the difference between their round trip fare and the average.

"Immediately the delegates are all registered the Secretary shall estimate the correct Pool Rate, and shall pay to all those whose total fare is greater than the Pool Rate the difference between the Pool Rate and the fare paid.

"In the event of the first estimated Pool Rate being greater than the correct Pool Rate, a refund of the difference between the two rates will be made to those delegates that had paid in to the Pool."

The Pool Rate estimate is \$12.00. At the time of registration it will be necessary for all delegates whose round trip fare is less than this amount to pay the difference into the Pool. All those whose round trip fare is greater than this amount, will receive the difference from the Pool. When all delegates are registered the actual Pool rate will be determined and adjustment will then be made.

## WAYS OF MEETING DELEGATES' EXPENSES

Our Association is governed by the Annual Convention. If there are not sufficient funds in the treasury to cover your delegates' expenses, arrangements should be made to raise money by means of an entertainment or in some way which the members approve of.

If your Local desires to send a strong representation to the Convention, there is only a short time left to collect and send in dues for 1926. There is much to do between now and the Convention for every officer and member of every Local. The success of the Convention depends upon the interest and enthusiasm displayed by our Locals. Let every Local do its best to have a full representation.

Yours fraternally,  
F. BATEMAN,  
Acting Secretary.

## LATE CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

As we go to press the resolutions outlined below have been received for consideration at the Annual Convention. They were too late to be sent out with the printed resolutions to Locals, and we therefore direct particular attention to them, and suggest that they be considered by all Locals wherever possible, in preparation for the Conventions. The summary follows:

From Okotoks Provincial C. A.—That legislation be introduced making it compulsory for threshers to use only tight bottomed racks, and for teams drawing them to be muzzled; that telephone rates be reduced 25 per cent., and trunk calls correspondingly increased.

Wetaskiwin Federal C. A.—That none but British subjects hold office in the U. F. A., except those who have not been in the country long enough to take out naturalization papers; that the Wheat Pool appoint field men to cover the Province during the marketing period to check up grievances; that re-valuation of soldier settlers' lands be opposed, and a straight reduction in the amount of the debt be made, so as to be fair to all, including the soldiers who have done most to improve their farms; that the use of ready-reckoners in figuring cheques for cream and grain be abolished, or else that all ready-reckoners be carried to two or more places of decimals; that no Oriental shall hold title to land, or lease land for more than one year, nor hold shares in any company which owns Canadian land.

Medicine Valley D. A.—That our representation system be amended to throw the whole of the Province open to the voters' choice, and that constituency for nominating and polling purposes be arranged as nearly as possible on an occupational basis, and that the proportional vote be adopted.

Red Deer Provincial C. A.—That officers of the U. F. A. be directed to get in close contact with the workers of the Province, with a view to forming a labor and workers' alliance.

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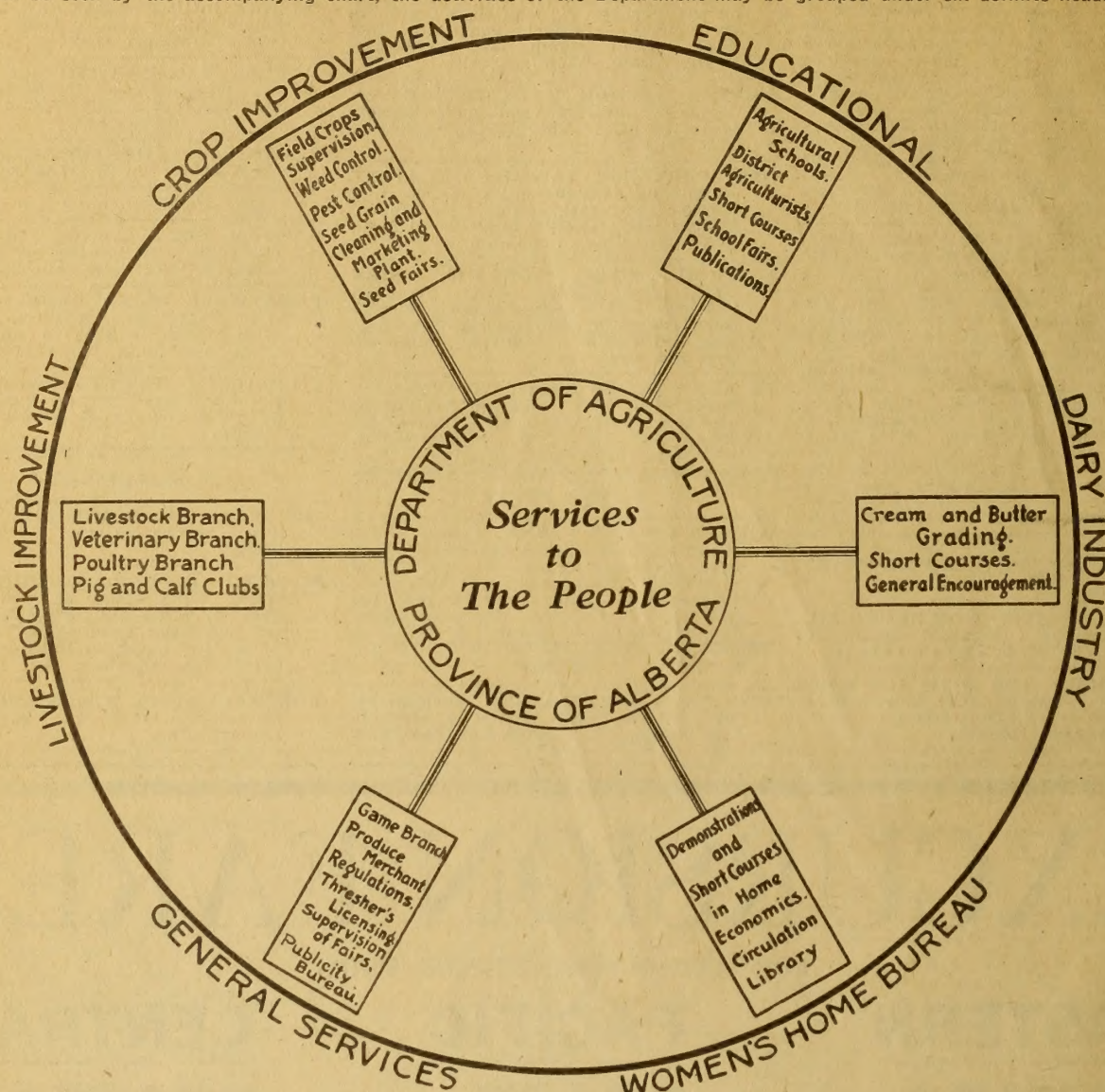
# CANADIAN PACIFIC



# ALBERTA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

SERVES THE PEOPLE OF THE PROVINCE

The Department of Agriculture of the Provincial Government is so constituted and conducted as to extend the helping hand rather than the restraining hand to the rural population of the Province. Its chief aim is the improvement of the agricultural industry, and the conditions under which the farm people live. Thus the services given to the people by the Department cover a wide field. As will be seen by the accompanying chart, the activities of the Department may be grouped under six definite headings.



**EDUCATIONAL.**—Under this heading is included the agricultural schools, of which there are now four in operation, training more than 400 young people from the farms, in free courses in agriculture and home economics. Then there are the district agriculturalists, of which there are now five in the Province. These men keep in intimate touch with the farmers of their districts, and aid them in solving their problems and in improving the methods of farming. As supplementary to their work, short courses are held from time to time, these generally taking the form of fodder trains, mixed farming trains, and such like. The school fairs bring the children of the schools into active touch with agricultural problems. The publications issued by the department from time to time give practical knowledge of various phases of farming. There is also the motion picture bureau which provides educational films on agricultural topics.

**CROP IMPROVEMENT.**—Under the heading of "Crop Improvement" there is the field crops branch which has general supervision over field crops, holds seed fairs, operates the co-operative seed grain cleaning and marketing plant at Edmonton, for the encouragement of the production of pure seed grain, and also administers the Weed Control Act, under which excellent work has been done during the past few years. Under crop improvement may also be listed the pest control work, by which the department has saved millions of dollars' worth of crop during the past five years from the ravages of the grasshopper, cutworm, and other pests. At present the department is actively engaged in a campaign against the wheat stem saw-fly.

**LIVESTOCK IMPROVEMENT.**—The department operates an active livestock branch for the encouragement of the livestock industry. This branch also carries on stock inspection and brand recording. The veterinary branch provides a service of inestimable value in preserving the health of animals. The poultry branch carries on active educational work in the poultry industry, and conducts a poultry plant for the improvement of stock. The pig and calf clubs are an active factor in the encouragement of the production of a high class of livestock.

**DAIRY INDUSTRY.**—The dairy branch of the department lends vigorous encouragement to the dairy industry and has been largely responsible for the immense advance made in this industry in the Province. Cream and butter grading services are provided, and short courses are held.

**WOMEN'S HOME BUREAU.**—This most important branch of the department directs its efforts towards the improvement of home conditions among the people, and carries on demonstrations in all branches of home economics. A circulating library for women's organizations is operated in connection with the branch.

**GENERAL SERVICES.**—Many general services are provided by the department, including the game branch, which supervises game regulation, and holds co-operative fur sales for trappers. The produce Merchants' Act is administered by the department, protecting producers in this respect. The threshers' Lien Act is also a part of the departmental activities. The supervision of fairs by the department has tended to improve the standard of fairs held. The publicity bureau acts as a general information bureau and collects crop and other statistics.

## OFFICIALS OF THE DEPARTMENT:

HON. GEORGE HOADLEY, Minister of Agriculture.  
H. A. CRAIG, Deputy Minister and Supt. of Agricultural Schools.  
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